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LOOKING A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS Suddenly, a "ber" month is upon us. Here comes that rush of joy that just comes naturally with the country's best loved holiday. Watch the malls' razzle-dazzle of lights and colors. Breathe in the season's singular scents. Feel the mood turn nostalgic for all those memories of Christmases past. Remember the hopes of all the years and all the love that started it all in a manger in Bethlehem. RICHARD REYES

'It's a blessing PH spared'

7.6 quake 'equivalent to 32 Hiroshima atomic bombs'

By DJ Yap

THE EARTHQUAKE that struck off the east coast of the Philippines on Friday night packed energy "equivalent to 32 Hiroshima atomic bombs," but a combination of factors spared the Filipinos destruction from a catastrophe, scientists said yesterday.

Director Renato Solidum of the ...and Seismology (Phivolcs) said the Philippine Institute of Volcanology 7.6-magnitude quake would have been more strongly felt had its epicenter been on land or if there was more vertical displacement of ocean water, triggering a destructive tsunami, as what happened in the Moro Gulf quake that killed thousands of people in southern Mindanao and Sulu in 1976.

Asked if he considered it a miracle, Solidum replied: "It's always a blessing when damage from an earthquake is minimal. I believe in God ... but there are scientific explanations for what happened."

"We were lucky," said University of the Philippines (UP) geologist Alfredo Mahar Lagmay. He said the Philippines was fortunate that the earthquake did not meet the conditions of a larger-scale disaster: power, proximity and the kind of structures in the affected places.

The 7.6-magnitude earthquake struck 106 kilometers east of Guiuan town, Eastern Samar, at a depth of 34.9 km, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said. The Phivolcs placed the epicenter a bit farther at 112 km east of Guiuan, in the Philippine Trench.

ITS ALSO ISSUING AN A...

Village folk return home; earthquake damage minor / A10

PEOPLE AND PRAYERS Aika says that's what kept them going. BRIAN ARIS

Aika Robredo has become a household word

By Philip C. Tubeza

UNTIL the fatal plane crash of her father, Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo, Jessica Marie "Aika" Robredo has not been in the public eye. She appeared on national TV on the second day of the agonizing three-day wait—waiting for word on her father and his missing plane.

She had presence. She was composed, articulate, self-possessed for someone who was not used to the limelight and public speaking. She exuded sense beyond her 24 years.

The entire nation took notice.

BRIAN A11

FINAL SCENE of "Genghis Khan" (Manuel Conde) was shot in Guadalupe, Makati, at the corner of Edsa and Pasig River.

'Genghis Khan' lost, and found

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

WHERE in the world is "Genghis Khan"?

The prints of the first ever Filipino movie to be shown at the Venice Film Festival in 1952 were lost—and found.

The restored "Genghis Khan," in high definition and digital cinema ... perhaps (DCP) format, will have its grand premiere at this year's Venice Film Festival on Sept. 6, the same day that actor Joel Palomo Orji, Ed Sorel Mordeno's "Thy Womb," screens as an entry in The main competition of the fest ...

It's a fitting homecoming for "Genghis Khan" in Venice where it competed for the Golden Lion and reportedly drew raves from audiences six decades ago.

But the homecoming was not without its challenges and ...

It was considered the

GENGHIS A11

Karate, batons for traffic aides to ward off botheads

By Jayson T. Gazmi

THERE are traffic enforcers who dance while on duty. Now they could be doing karate as well.

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is considering equipping its traffic enforcers with martial arts skills and batons, after the attack on a traffic aide by a motorist in Quezon City last month.

MMDA chair Francis Tolentino said the agency thought of self-defense training for its traffic enforcers after a cigarette company executive named Robert Blair Carabeña physically and verbally assaulted MMDA enforcer Salustiano Fabros after a traffic altercation.

KARATE A7

Simple outdoors fan helps transform forests, villages

By Terra Quiamzade

IN THE FORESTS of Indonesia, community loggers control the cutting and replanting of trees, turning the business into a responsible enterprise that leaves the land as green as when they found it.

In coastal communities, villagers have turned their backs from destructive fishing and learned sustainable practices, balancing conservation efforts and their need to make a living.

SIMPLE A19

New Child Haus waits for kids with cancer, thanks to Hans

HOUSE OF HANS Hans Sy (left) turns over keys to Ricky Reyes saying "take over." They are here with volunteer students from UE at Child Haus.

By Margo C. Enriquez

AFTER his graduation from kindergarten in Batangas, Clem Onal started getting nagging headaches. His parents brought him to a community hospital where he was diagnosed with urinary tract infection. Over time, his condition worsened until he suffered a stroke. A CT scan revealed a brain tumor. The doctor in the provincial hospital told him he had one month to live. That was in 2010.

Nonetheless, Clemence and Melody Onal brought their son to the National Children's Hospital where they were told that there was hope for Clem. The family has been staying for over a year at Child Haus, a temporary shelter for underprivileged parents and their children who are undergoing medical treatment in Manila.

CHILD HAUS / D4

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No worries, says UNA of Mar app't

By Christian V. Esguerra and Norman Bordadora

LEADERS of the opposition United Nationalists Alliance (UNA) say they are not worried at all about the appointment of Liberal Party president Manuel "Mar" Roxas II as head of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Former President Joseph Estrada, one of the leaders of UNA, yesterday belittled speculations that the DILG portfolio would strengthen Roxas' chances in the 2016 presidential election, saying that he was confident Vice President Jejomar Binay would win the next presidential race.

"We beat him in the vice presidential race, so what more in the presidential race?" Estrada said in Filipino, referring to Roxas and Binay's both contested political bouts in the 2013 elections. "Vice President Binay has already proven himself."

Estrada noted that Binay's trust and approval ratings were even higher than those of President Aquino's in recent surveys.

Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, another UNA leader, echoed Estrada. He urged Malacañang to forward Roxas' nomination to the Commission on Appointments "so that we can confirm Secretary Roxas as soon as possible."

Enrile congratulated Roxas, a former senator, but also warned that "anyone tapped to replace (the late Jesse) Robredo "would surely suffer the burden of the inevitable comparison... To say that Mar (Roxas) has 'big shoes to fill' would be an understatement."

Robredo, who died in a plane crash two months ago, received an outpouring of love from Filipinos for his unconditional and down-to-earth "timawa leadership."

"Timawa" refers to the common man's flip-flops.

But Estrada also described Roxas as being "good," crediting the latter's stint as trade secretary during his administration. However, Estrada said he had reservations about how Roxas would address what he called the "worrisome" peace and order situation.

Peace and order

"Mar will be a good administrator," he said. "My only worry is peace and order. He has no experience in that."

As interior secretary, Roxas will have supervision over both the Philippine National Police and all local government units.

In terms of experience, Estrada said Sen. Panfilo Lacson would have been the logical choice for the DILG portfolio. He cited Lacson's stint as PNP chief, during which the national police enjoyed relatively high approval ratings.

Commenting on the choice of Roxas, Lacson said it was expected that LP stalwarts like Roxas and new Transportation and Communications Secretary Joseph E.S. Abaya would be named to the "senators agencies" like the DILG and DOTC.

Administration Rep. Jerry Treñas of Iloilo acknowledged that "the biggest challenge for Secretary Mar is definitely peace and order."

P-Noy's troubleshooter

"Secretary Mar is an all-around troubleshooter (of the President). That's the reason why the President appointed him to head the DOTC at a time when the agency was in some sort of turmoil and now he's appointed to the DILG because the agency needs the best of the best for this highly sensitive position," he said.

Malacañang yesterday swelled at rumors that President Aquino's appointment of Roxas had politics written all over it.

Budget Secretary Florencio Abad, senior political adviser for the President, said the urgency of designating a replacement for the late Robredo and continuing his reforms were the main reasons for Roxas' appointment.

Abad said he believed Roxas when he said he would not accomplish anything at the DILG if "he puts political ambition ahead of his work."

"But there will be sure be partisan elements who will only see politics behind the appointment. That is their problem, not the President's nor Roxas'," Abad said in a text message.

Strategic move

Mr. Aquino's announcement of Roxas' appointment as interior secretary has been seen by critics as a strategic move to fortify the party's forces at the grassroots level in the runup to the 2016 presidential elections. Roxas is seen as the Liberal Party's potential standard-bearer in 2016.

It is only natural for Roxas, being the LP president, to talk with politicians Gordon, he's very capable of handling the DILG portfolio...and Mr. Aquino, who also named Cavite Representative Abaya as the new transportation secretary.

Abad said that the "good thing" going for Roxas was that apart from enjoying the full trust and confidence of the President, he has "integrity, technical competence and a full understanding of the bureaucracy."

Aside from the Commission on Appointments, composed of senators and congressmen, would act on Roxas and Abaya's confirmation with dispatch.

"The submission of documents is within our control and therefore can be made soon. **The process of confirmation will depend on the CA, like we expect the CA to act with dispatch.**" **With a report from TJ Burgonio**

Epilepsy awareness gets big boost

THE PHILIPPINE League Against Epilepsy (PLAE) is marking National Epilepsy Awareness Week on Sept. 2-9 with a series of activities designed to increase the public's knowledge of the disease and the challenges faced by persons afflicted with it.

An Epilepsy Awareness Award ceremony, where recognition will be given to persons with epilepsy who have transcended the disease and excelled in their professions or schools, will be held on Sept. 3.

Discrimination, bullying

On Sept. 7, caravans will travel to a number of schools in Guagua, Pampanga, to teach students, teachers and administrators about the disease as a premier discrimination and bullying of children afflicted with the disease.

Daylong camp lectures

The activities will culminate with a daylong National Epilepsy Camp featuring lectures and group discussions to be held at the Heroes Hall in San Fernando, Pampanga.

In between, PLAE members will hold simultaneous roundtable discussions in cities and school caravans in their respective areas. For inquiries, e-mail plaesecretary@yahoo.com or call: 0917-5095198.

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Envoy to China: US presence good

BEIJING—Its ambassador to Beijing Gary Locke on Saturday tried to ease China's fears that Washington wanted to box it in by saying that America's military presence in Asia was not targeted at a single country.

"We strongly believe, and I believe most in the region would agree, that our security presence here is beneficial on the consensus of the region and necessary for the continued vitality of the Asia Pacific," said Locke.

"Our security presence is not aimed at any one country," he stressed in a speech at Peking University, noting that the United States was also boosting its diplomatic and economic engagements in the region. AFP

Karate, batons

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on Aug. 11. The incident was caught by another motorist on video and went viral online.

Lendoiro has made publicity apologized to Ilalim but is still facing direct assault complaints filed by the traffic aide and the MMDA at the Quezon City prosecutor's office.

"Perhaps we will increase their training in self-defense, train them karate," Tolentino told reporters when asked what measures the agency would be making.

He said another measure being considered was equipping traffic enforcers with batons, which they could use if they feel their safety was being threatened.

"We don't have them right now because it's a little dangerous, but we might include batons in their regular equipment," Tolentino said.

MMDA assistant general for operations Emerson Carlos is all for the idea.

"The baton is the cheapest and the most accessible weapon that we can provide our traffic constables," he said, adding that there were also proposals to provide the aides with pepper spray.

He said that bullfor constables on the night beat and in the motorcycle division, deadly carry batons.

Ilalim is not the only enforcer who has been attacked in the line of duty. In February, traffic constable Raul Reubico, assigned to stop illegal drag racing, was attacked in Pasay City by cigar-smoking men.

In September 2011, traffic enforcer Larry Ruiz was shot by a motorcyclist because he stopped a speeding car in Quezon City. The incident was followed by the reassigning of Fidelino Antonio and John Rey Mongit by a group of men they were scolding for a traffic violation in Parañaque.

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THE FIRST consular office to be set up in a shopping mall was inaugurated last week at the newly constructed building C in SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

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GLOBAL Pinoy

Celso Monica Feria

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas, telling us land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories

PH teachers in China staying put

By Dunkin Barbara C. Mateo

THE SPRATLY Islands and Panatag (Scarborough) Shoal disputes seem not to affect Filipino workers in China. At least for now.

As of 2010, there were an estimated 26,779 Filipinos, both legal and illegal migrants in China according to the Commission on Filipinos Overseas. The figure does not include the Filipinos in Hong Kong and Macau, both Chinese territories.

Finding their way

There are quite a number of Filipino teachers in China.

In 2007, right after college, Mark Anton Lauron de Vera of Magsingal-based student has begun and went to China, hoping his knowledge of English would land him a job. He had finished a degree in agriculture. Anton arrived at a strange of 24 degrees in mid-July for Filipinos.

"It took me a year before I was able to adjust. Actually, I am still adapting," Mervin says.

Learning the Chinese language and characters is another difficulty. Even after five years in China, Mark says that he still has some difficulties communicating.

"Teaching English to Chinese is very difficult because they use characters instead of letters. But for these Filipinos it is a challenge and a triumph knowing that they are contributing to shape the educational landscape of China.

English language levels in China are still very low, says Jack Flores, who arrived in February 2011. A native of Manila, he arrived in China as a "legitimate" overseas Filipino worker (OFW) with papers processed by Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA). He is teaching at Suzheng Middle School.

Standards of living

"Some of my students can converse in English. Many of them, however, can't speak it well but they can understand what you are trying to say," he said.

"I need to translate what I'm saying in Chinese especially when I'm giving instructions," says Arden.

But the Filipinos think their struggles are worthwhile. With a crime rate of only two percent and cheap commodities, the Filipinos can afford to spend for luxuries and still send a sufficient amount to their families back home. Aside from that, housing is provided by the employers.

"The cheap vacations, we don't have put. That is why it is difficult to come home, "adds Mervin.

Mervin, Jerick and Arden are going home to the Philippines every summer break to see an important occasion they are single.

Who will protect them?

Above the constant buildup of tensions over territorial disputes between China and the Philippines, Arden said: "I was worried before but now it's okay. Some of my Chinese friends even asked me about my views regarding what's happening but I assure the two countries. I say I hope it will end peacefully," said Arden.

Arden also revealed that two officials from the Department of Education in Suzheng City (which is in Jilin Province) visited his school and talked about the issue on Scarborough and Spratlys and assured them of their protection if things get out of hand.

"They said they will protect me and the other Filipino workers."

Due to their distance from Beijing, the Filipinos were not aware whether or not the Philippine Embassy had any instructions or plans for them in case political trouble escalates.

Arden worries that if the situation between the two countries worsens, they would be sent back home.

Working abroad is "always a gamble. Sometimes we lose, and sometimes we win," says Mervin.

But he and the other Filipino teachers in China hope the territorial issues will be soon resolved by both governments. They are hoping that their livelihood in a country that has opened doors of opportunity for them will not be compromised.

TEACHER Mervin Taplanio of Occidental Mindoro teaching English to young Chinese students

New ambassadors should be responsive to OFWs

By Susan K.

PRESIDENT Aquino received a list of gender-sensitive appointees to well-seasoned diplomat for the country's embassy in China last May. Indeed, Ms. Sheila Brady, 51-year-old, was a career officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), who had already served a stint in China from 2004 to 2010. Unfortunately, Brady suddenly is under scrutiny.

According to foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario, who visited Brady in Beijing, the ambassador is getting brain hemorrhage in the left parietal zone (she is still under observation and undergoing tests).

Del Rosario said she got treatment may have to find a replacement for Brady. We have a good number of career officers who are set to be deployed to other posts and are just waiting for their appointments.

During the previous Aquino term, some officials pursued due birth and right appointment of politicians, debased confidence, friends of the former president and ex-generals to foreign posts. It caused widespread dissatisfaction from their ranks.

There is a story of one political appointee who acted as if he was taking. He did not want to take commands because he was used to being the commands himself, having served seven in the Philippines obeying his every order.

"Hindi ako ipinadala dito para lang sa mga simoy (I was not sent here only to take care of insects)," he was supposedly overheard saying. And because he had the privilege of bringing his family with him overseas, his wife reportedly also acted like a queen, while his children felt like they were princes and princesses. The issue was, that embassy personnel couldn't focus on their jobs because they were busy taking care of the ambassador's family.

Sen. Edgardo Angara also noted that some ambassadors can't even speak the language of the country where they are assigned.

Under Republic Act No. 7157, known as the Philippine Foreign Service Act of 1991, the DFA has a mandate to implement three pillars of Philippine Foreign Policy: (1) Protection and enhancement of national security; (2) Promotion and attainment of economic security; (3) Protection of the rights and protection of the welfare and interest of Filipinos overseas.

For millions of overseas Filipino workers, the role of an ambassador is very critical. This is not a profession for tired-back and "go-go" officials. It's not enough that he or she has a strong backing from the President or is personally close to other high officials. More factors should be considered.

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Bobby Achacoso and Jojo Taduran, treasurer and vice president respectively, of the Ilocos Canada Community Association Inc. (ICCA) headed by president Pacing Nolasco, pay homage to Our Lady of Peñafrancia, Fri. Sept. 13, her feast day, a floral parade will be held at the Bluffers Park Lake at Brimley Road in Scarborough, Ontario.

KIM SIMARU

Entitlements of children of green card holders

JESSICA is a green card holder who was continuing her studies in Manila. She visits her parents in the United States every six months during her summer breaks. While in her senior year in college, Jessica gave birth to a child. The father of the baby refused to acknowledge the child and abandoned Jessica.

After graduation, Jessica was asked by her parents to return to the United States with her baby. She is apprehensive about filing a petition for the child since she is only a green card holder. She was told that it may take a couple of years before the child gets an immigrant visa. Is there a way that the child may immediately accompany Jessica back to the United States?

Derivative beneficiaries

A spouse or child born before an immigrant's admission to the United States gets the priority date and can accompany or follow-to-join the principal beneficiary.

Those family members, also called derivative beneficiaries, do not need to have separate visa petitions. Their names are usually declared and included in the visa applications of the principal beneficiaries.

Recording child's status

The same rule applies to a green card holder who gives birth while on a temporary trip abroad. For the child to return to the United States with the mother, there are two requirements that must be met: (1) child must travel within two years from birth, and (2) the green card holder-parent must travel with the child and the travel must be on the first return to the United States after the birth of the child.

If the child will not travel a visa to accompany the green card holder-parent, certain documents must be presented to the consular officer during the IV-part of entry. The accompanying parent must be able to show the parent-child relationship. Among the documents that must be presented are the passport of the child, proof or copy of the parent, birth certificate of the child from the National Statistics office, and, proof that the parent has not abandoned her residence in the United States.

One of the requirements of conferring immigrant status to the child is that the accompanying parent must have maintained residence status in the US despite the temporary stay in the Philippines. Hence, it is important to keep in mind that there is only a two-year period to return to the United States after the child's birth.

Children below 21

In addition, those who return after more than a year must be able to demonstrate to the Customs and Border Protection inspector that the stay outside the United States was temporary and that the ties to the United States are strong. If the immigrant was studying, a school record or diploma must be presented together with the other documents upon arrival in the United States.

Conferring immediate residence status on a child less than two years old without a visa application at the consulate applies to limited cases where the requirements mentioned above are met. It applies when the parent receives her green card status in the case of children born before the parent applies for immigrant status, they may either be derivative beneficiaries of family petitions or may also acquire a following-to-join status as derivative beneficiaries.

Children below 21 years old may have the status of an immigrant based on their parents' acquiring green card status. They apply as children born before the parent receives their immigrant visas and the parents receive visas acquired under any of the family or employment based preference categories. Unlike the rule on those two years old or less, those below 21 years old children must apply for visas as the US consulate in destination applies to limited cases where the requirements mentioned above are met. It applies when the parent receives her green card status in the case of children born before the parent applies for immigrant status, they may either be derivative beneficiaries of family petitions or may also acquire a following-to-join status as derivative beneficiaries.

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Severe backlogs

For the month of September 2012, the US Department of State released its visa bulletin showing the priority dates that are being processed for family petitions. For adult children (many take anywhere from 18 years to 20 years before the visas are processed. Applying for derivative status for a child before he or she turns 21 may avoid lengthy waiting periods. If the child is not included as a following-to-join child, filing the petition right away after receiving the immigrant visa may be the appropriate route.

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Tax meat too, sin tax panel told

THE GOVERNMENT should also tax meat and other high-fat food if it wants to shield the public, especially the poor, from unhealthy eating, a senior leader for a tobacco company told the Senate committee on ways and means during a hearing on increasing "sin" taxes last week.

Expressing the fear that a decreased demand for cigarettes and other sin products like alcohol due to higher prices would leave them out of work, Philip Morris Fortune Tobacco Corp. senior president Rodolfo Adriano said cigarettes were being unfairly singled out among the many possible causes of disease.

"But let us not put all the blame on cigarettes because as mentioned earlier, a huge percentage [of diseases] is also caused by unhealthy food. Junk foods that are high in cholesterol. I wish they would also impose high taxes on these," Antonio told the Senate panel.

Adriano said that while the proposed sin tax would provide for assistance to tobacco farmers, no cash aid for cigarette workers was included.

The sin tax measure is expected to generate an additional P60 billion for the government.

The opponents of the sin tax seek to expanding on negative effects of health advocates, about the negative effects of smoking on one's health.

Director Rojas, an engineer, spoke to the senators through an interpreter, saying he used words but sometimes due to nerves

"This was caused by smoking," Rojas said, the [illegible] ambassador" disagreement by the American Cancer Society. Rojas said he represented "the voice of the victims of tobacco here in the Philippines as well as around the world."

He cited statistics showing that 30 persons die per hour, or 10,000 per year, due to smoking-related diseases in the country.

Dr. Antonio Dans, a doctor of the Philippine General Hospital, said studies showed that cigarette smoking was more prevalent among the poor than among the wealthy.

He said this could be one reason why the death rate in poor countries was almost twice the death rate in the rich countries in the region, like Brunei and Singapore."

Sen. Ralph Recto, chair of the Senate committee on ways and means, said the sin tax measure aims to raise revenues while at the same time reduce the number of smokers and alcohol drinkers in the country. — Norman Bordadora

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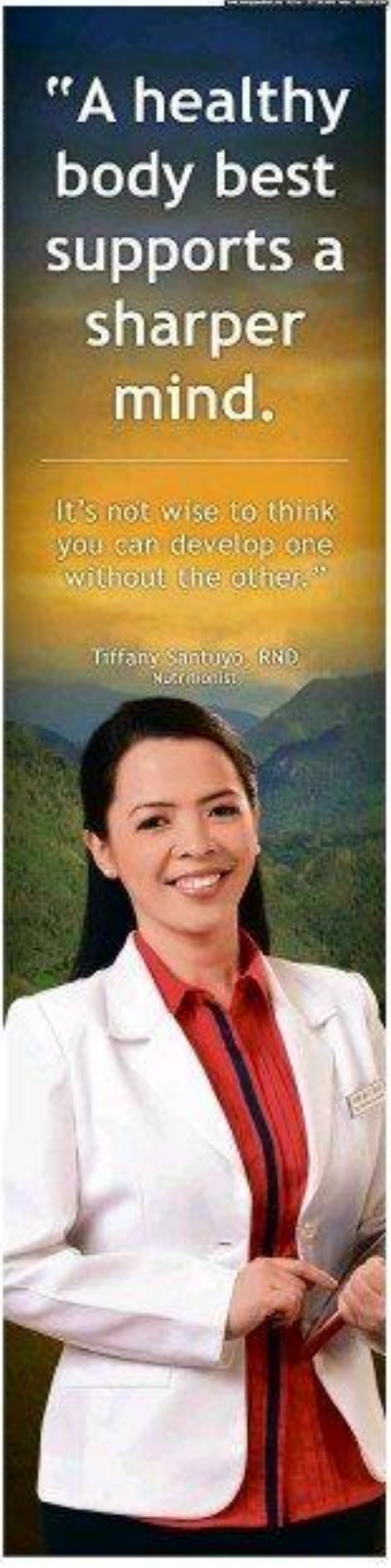

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Another spill in Benguet tailings dam reported

By Vincent Cabreza and Gabriel Cardinoza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—Gold and copper producer Philex Mining Corp. on Thursday morning filed its overdue report on a leak in its waste facility in Itogon, Benguet.

The new leak was recorded at 2:40 a.m. on Thursday but was reinforced 6:45 a.m. on the same day according to Fe Hernandez-Lacsad, Cordillera mining division chief of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB).

The leak was confirmed on Saturday by Philex legal officer Eduardo Ocampo, who is assigned to the firm's Padcal mine.

Repairs at the firm's tailings dam No. 3 had been completed by land resulted a month after the facility detected that it had spilled sedimentation and tailings pond water during strong rains on Aug. 1.

On Aug. 2, Paji Apil, acting MGB director in the Cordillera, ordered Philex to cease operations at the Padcal mine, which straddles the Benguet towns of Tuba, Itogon and Tuba, to ease pressure on the tailings pond.

Tailings dam No. 3 contained the mine's waste that had been expelled since the early 1990s. Two older tailings dams had been decommissioned in the span of the mine's operations beginning in the late 1930s.

Apil said the MGB is studying the impact of the latest leak.

Philex faces a P326-million fine for discharging up to 0.5 cum of sedimentation on Aug. 1 into the Balog River, a river tributary of the Agno River which flows down to Pangasinan.

According to MGB records, the firm leak had led to four months' disallowance of tailings into the environment.

Bad weather had also affected a river clean-up program being undertaken by Philex workers and volunteers from the Itogon and Tuba communities.

Apil said the MGB had urged the volunteers to postpone some of their activities while the agency determined that measures undertaken to solve the leaks and the structural integrity of the tailings dams were sound. This was meant for the safety of the clean-up groups, she said.

But on Saturday, Philex workers proceeded to San Manuel, Pangasinan, to continue the clean-up operations along the Agno River there. The river flows to the San Roque Multipurpose Dam, which straddles San Manuel and Itogon.

Philex crew members who took water samples to test if water tailings had contaminated the water in the dam's reservoir, Tom Valdez, vice president for corporate social responsibility of the dam's operator, the San Roque Power Corp., said in a text message.

Reached for comment, Carlos Dayag, MGB Baron director, said "contaminants monitoring and sampling are to be undertaken at the San Roque Dam."

Senior Domondon, Baron director of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, said he sent a team to the dam to take samples, barely a month after he concluded that the tilapia and carp grown in the dam were not contaminated by tailings released from the leak on Aug. 1.

He said mine tailings usually contain cadmium, copper, lead and arsenic that may be ingested by fish.

"We have not been informed yet of the leak. But I'm dispatching a team immediately to the area," he said. "Tailings go to the bottom of the body of water. We released nine kinds of bottom fishes there but we have not sampled them because the reservoir is deep."

"But for more than two years that we have taken fish samples from the dam, there has been no change. The heavy metal content in fishes was all below tolerable limits," Domondon said.

At 6 a.m. on Saturday, the dam's water elevation was 278.75 meters above sea level, indicating that the dam would not release water back in the Agno River. The dam's spilling level is 300 masl.

PHILEX Mining has been rebuilding the former mine office Padcal tailings area as it prepares to decommission the mining site in 2020.

"The future will be tough. Our children should be tougher.

I want them to win."

Rini Velasquez
Mother

CJ Sereno's help sought vs 'scam' giving P60-M pay to Aussie who left PH in 1999

CHIEF JUSTICE Maria Lourdes P.A. Sereno was asked yesterday to intervene and reopen for deliberation a 2009 Supreme Court decision that awarded P60 million in compensation to a foreigner who has not returned to the country even as his alleged claims moved forward in a labor court and in the highest court of the land.

In a letter, businessman Eulalio Gamson, owner of the firm E. Gamson Inc. (EGI), told Chief Justice Sereno he was "a victim of a scam which was unknowingly supported by the SC" with 2009's third division decision written by the now-retired Justice Conrado Vasquez Santiago.

Gamson stated despite the Nov. 17, 2009, decision of the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC) that reversed the ruling of an arbiter, the high court's third division still affirmed the award of P60 million to Australian Andrew James Mellarnie, who has left the Philippines and did not return to personally follow up his claim.

NLRC had ordered the dismissal of Mellarnie's position with a ruling that there was "no plausible reason to find legal or factual basis to grant the claims of complainant Mellarnie," he said.

Gamson said in his letter that when the case reached the high court, the third division required Mellarnie to file a reply on EGI and EGI Managers' comment in a complaint dated Aug. 28, 2009.

The court's third division, however, on Sept. 16, 2009, affirmed the labor arbiter's award of compensation to Mellarnie.

In his letter, Gamson also told Sereno that while Mellarnie supposedly filed personally his complaint at the NLRC in 2002, the Bureau of Immigration records showed that the foreigner "had left the country for good three years before the complaint was filed."

"At the time of the filing (of the complaint), Mellarnie was abroad, thus the complaint was filed in absentia and another person pretending to be Mellarnie was sworn in by the NLRC officer in Quezon City" to attest to the complaint, he said.

"Mellarnie left the country in November 1999, a month and a half after the alleged start of contract in September 1999, while the complaint (at the NLRC) was filed in October 2002 when the labor claim would have prescribed," he added.

Gamson also said that "Mellarnie has never been issued a working permit or an alien employment permit."

Dominguez gang's hit man nabbed

By Julie M. Aurelio

POLICE have arrested a man alleged to be in the employ of the Dominguez car theft gang in an ambush early this week in Cavite as he was being treated in the emergency room.

After more than a year in hiding, Rolando Talban was charged upon by policemen responding to an alarm over a shooting case.

Talban had lied to policemen about his real identity, according to Severino Evangelista, father of one of Talban's alleged victims, nor would Vernon Evangelista whose killing has been pinned on the Dominguez syndicate.

"He was really beaten up by the investigators," said Rosalie, of Talban.

CRIME BUST: Raymund Dominguez is escorted by police for arraignment in a Quezon City court.

Talban was arrested in Tanauan, Batangas, on Wednesday following an attempted hijacking that left a truck driver injured.

Supt. Ferdinand Villanueva, of the Quezon City Police District's Anti-Carnapping Unit, said he sent his men yesterday to Tanauan City to serve an arrest warrant against Talban for Severino's death in January 2011.

Quoting a police report, Severino said the gunman was captured at 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday in front of Bagong Bayan Elementary School in Barangay Bond 1, Tanauan City.

Severino's father said Talban was involved in an attempted hijacking and shooting which left a truck driver, Leodegario Dimayuga Jr., wounded in the right thigh.

Dimayuga was rushed to the Batangas Medical Center in Tanauan City.

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OPINION

Overworked, underpaid

WHEN THE sizzling summer heat evaporates, the Pagasa weathermen are put on the hot seat for months on end. In this season of tropical storms, typhoons, low-pressure areas and intertropical convergence zones, they seem both all-powerful and trapped in a no-win situation as the public steps tuned to their every announcement. If they warn of thunderstorms that do not materialize, they are labeled overeager. If they predict sunny days and overnight downpours occur, they are called incompetent. After the unmistakable damage left by Tropical Storms "Gaemi" and "Ineng" and by the recent habagat (southwest monsoon), Pagasa has never been under greater scrutiny, or wielded as much power, as now.

EDITORIAL

But last month, while the monsoon lingered and storms dawdled in and out of the Philippine area of responsibility, some 980 Pagasa employees pulled a surprise by holding a lunchtime protest action over money issues. Wearing black armbands, the employees rallied on the government to release their hazard pay and other allowances under Republic Act 8439, also known as the Magna Carta for Scientists, Engineers, Researchers and other Science and Technology Personnel in Government. The allowances had been stopped since March as a result of new budgetary controls enforced by President Aquino's administration.

"The continuing hardship is now taking its toll on Pagasa warning services," said Philippine Weathermen Employees Association president Ramon Agustin during the protest action on Aug. 14. "Many of our personnel, especially those working in the field, are already failing to report for duty because they have no money."

The protest action unleashed to the public such weathermen as forecaster Jori Loiz, who has been with the weather bureau for 16 years and sometimes fails to make it to work because he has run short of the aforecasted (a) travel from the province of Bulacan to the Pagasa offices in Quezon City. That he makes a relatively piddling P12,800 a month considering the import of his work should give high government officials pause. And then there was also the tragic case of weather observer Alex Jose Pedro, who died of a stroke in May when he could not afford his medication for diabetes.

Aside from shining light on the dark financial plight of weathermen, the protest action also pushed the President—in a surprise move—to personally meet with the Pagasa employees along with Budget Secretary Florencio Abad. At the closed-door meeting, Mr. Aquino also admonished the weathermen to carry on with their duties despite the hardships because the nation needed them in such stormy times.

Since then, the Pagasa employees have been waiting for Mr. Aquino to come through on his promise even as they continued to crack "Ignat" and "Fabian," only two of the approximately 20 typhoons expected to visit the Philippines this year.

On Aug. 29, they received the news they had been hoping for. The budget department has finally authorized the release of some P39.5 million in the form of Magna Carta benefits that were withheld from the weathermen. At a budget hearing for the Department of Science and Technology—which is directly in charge of Pagasa—lawmakers approved an increase in the salaries of the weathermen and the unbinding of the Pagasa benefits in the priority budget so-that-no more-those are released.

Together with the completion of the P580-million, bleeding-edge-technology Doppler radar in Baler, Catanduanes, in May, the release of the Magna Carta funds and the planned increase in weathermen's pay are very welcome developments for the overworked, underpaid Pagasa employees. Their ranks already depleted by colleagues who had left for greener pastures in other countries, the meteorologists, forecasters and other employees of the weather bureau play a most crucial role in Philippine affairs. The recent moves by the Aquino administration provide a welcome climate for Pagasa, whose employees, as weatherman Jori pointed out, have always done their best to do their jobs no matter what. "When we die it really will be for the higher ups, but for ordinary people who stand to suffer if we don't perform our duties properly," Loiz said.

Here's to a hopeful, brighter days ahead for Pagasa.

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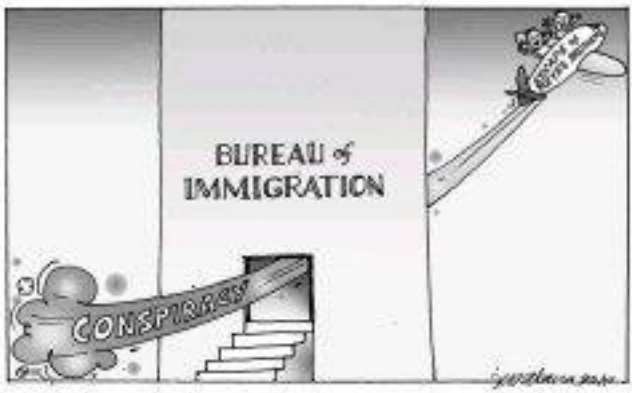

Stem cells of youth

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

RICARDO: I listened to a friend recount his "stem cell treatment" at a medical spa in Europe. The treatment costs about P1 million. The clinic where it is done has lately been attracting hundreds of Filipinos in search of the modern version of the proverbial fountain of youth.

"You're limited from the airport by a 3-hour ride," my friend said, "and brought to a beautiful soundproofed lodge in the middle of a hallelujah." Over three relaxing days, three injections of a serum taken from the fetus of a sheep are administered on the patient's buttocks. In between treatments, the spa's overpriced gourmet meals on a gilded tray of freshly sliced organ meat of the package. The physical change is supposed to be felt gradually after a week. "I can't explain to you exactly how it works," he said. "But I do feel good and strong. All the aches in my bones are gone, and the wrinkles on my face have receded." He did look rested, I must say. But, if I feel that kind of money, thought to myself, I would sooner buy a motorcycle.

Stem cell experimentation—and the promise human tissue it signifies—has always fascinated me. And yet I prefer to see its benefits from the sidelight who has been treating me for occasional allergic flare ups: what she thought of stem cells as the new path to prolonged youth. "It's definitely the newest craze in town," she confirmed. More than a dozen of her twin patients have been enticing her with an all-expense-paid European holiday just to accompany them to this famous clinic. She advises them instead to take off for a week and pamper themselves at a local spa if they have money to spend. But if they are persistent, she tells them to check out the same Dominicans in China or Thailand for maybe half the price.

Those foreign clinics are not medical centers for stem cell therapy, she tells me ahead of saying they are scams. They are really nothing but expensive spas that offer a menu of rejuvenation treatments. The only thing more she knows, of scientific and medical value, is that the doctor-healers trained to collect stem cells, she says emphatically. They are adult cells.

Stem cells are called such because they are the cells that generate fresh tissue or blood. The human body has reserves of these stem cells, usually found in the bone marrow. They are mobilized like an army when the body requires regeneration from injury or illness. Researchers, where the healing, for example, of a broken bone is taking an unusually long time, a surgeon may draw stem cells from a patient's bone marrow and graft these directly onto his injured bone. These autologous stem cells (meaning, sourced from the same person) speed up the healing process. These are also used in treating some forms of cancer like leukemia. As the immune of birds, elderly's non-blood cord is filled with stem cells, and those are sometimes harvested and preserved for future use in case the baby's congenital illness or defects.

But cellular therapy that uses live or fresh cells is processed versus from animal embryos like sheep but no known therapeutic value, my doctor says. In fact, it is a hazardous procedure that gives the illusion of well-being and youth. At worst, it may lead to infections and allergic reactions.

My interest in this field is not that of a medical scientist, but of a social scientist. I sit in a bioethics committee that is concerned with the policy implications of new medical technologies like organ transplants. I have long wondered how institutions like the Philippine Medical Association and the Department of Health should regard certain types of cellular therapy that appear to flirt in the borderline of medical practice. I am concerned that such treatments are advertised in our newspapers, without anyone from the local science or medical community weighing in or challenging their value as forms of medical treatment.

While searching for references on cellular therapy, I came across an article by a Dr. Stephen Barrett. He writes: "The theory behind cellular therapy is senseless. The Animalcan Cancer Society has strongly advised people not to seek it. Under ordinary circumstances, cells from the organs of one species cannot replace the cells from the organs of other species. Pillow foreign proteins are injected, the immune system attacks them. Its addition, ripe form of animal cells can spread viral disease and trigger severe allergic reactions. When taken by mouth, animal cells are digested and are not absorbed intact into the body."

Dr. Barrett's warning makes sense to me. Though I am not a medical doctor, I have read enough of the body's complex immune system to appreciate the tremendous problems it poses in organ-tissue transplants. Even with the closest possible match between donor and recipient, the possibility of injection rejection, blood, immune suppressants are prescribed to avert rejection. We are talking here of organs taken from other human beings, not from animals. One can imagine what happens when cells harvested from another species are grafted or injected directly into the human body. If the body's immune system is strong, it will likely reject or attack these alien tissues before they can do any harm or good.

Nothing, I say here, of course, will matter much to those who have money to spend in the endless quest to fill up the unexamined void in their lives. Common sense is no match against the powerful desire for eternal youth, especially when the promised rejuvenation is buttressed by a dubious scientism. As there is no cure for folly, we can only draw consolation from what Aristotle once said: "The source of rationally find pleasure in our folly, or are we not content to find pleasure in our wisdom."

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Back to the heart

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a cat that distracted the guru and the worshippers, so he ordered it to be tied during their evening worship. After the guru died, the cat continued to be tied during the evening worship, and after the cat died, another cat was brought in to be tied during the evening worship. Similarly, many practices were written on the liturgical and theological significance of lying up a cat during evening worship.

In today's Gospel (Mk 7: 1-38, 14-15, 21-23), Jesus was questioned by the Pharisees for not observing Jewish purification traditions and customs. Jesus took this occasion to condemn the hypocrisy and dishonesty of the Pharisees, who were so distant and strict when it came to the observance of human traditions, but disregarded God's commandments. More than the cleansing of our hands must be the cleansing of our hearts.

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Some weeks ago, a man came to my office to tell me that he was not pleased with the way I said Mass on television. When I asked him why, his answer was that I did not hold the host high and long enough during the consecration, the point that, for him, is the most important part of life, he had concluded that there was something terribly wrong with my priesthood. When. What could I say? I could only shake my head in disbelief with what I had heard. He meant well, he said, and he was just "concerned." All he was trying to do was to help me receive the Blessed Sacrament, and just listened to what the Lord had to say. That, for me, was all that really mattered—not what people say, but what God says.

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We have well-meaning people around us, but the problem with them is that they mean well but they can be mean, very mean. Are you one of them? Or in Jesus' time or also in our time: There are a lot of people who are judgmental, self-righteous, and spiritually proud.

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Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo was a simple, humble, and sincere person, for me, the highlight of his funeral was the spontaneous outpouring of love and admiration for the man by the ordinary people whom he served and loved. All the extra ceremonies and programs to honor him were really just that—extra. In other words, the Filipino people would have shown their love and admiration for him, anyway, with or without those "frivolities." All too often we hide a lot of our inconsistencies, insecurities, and even guilt behind our lip-service and well-managed activities.

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It would have been good, and perhaps it still will be good, if all government officials just kept their silence and really listened to the message of Jesse Robredo's life and death. Or really listened to and learned from what his family and the people on the streets said about him. May his death not be in vain. May his spirit live on, especially in our so-called public servants.

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Anything done with the heart, no matter how small or how difficult, is so fulfilling and meaningful. On the other hand, anything done for show or just for compliance, or simply how grand, is empty and meaningless. More than ever, let us put back and keep putting back the heart in whatever we do—otherwise, we will all end up cold, impersonal, uncaring, clairvoyant, cold, and eventually disgruntled, unhappy, bored, and empty. Let us learn that there are things in life that cannot be and should not be controlled, managed, or manipulated.

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Let us all abandon ask the Holy Spirit to remove from our hearts "evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, and folly," which defile us. Gospel (all) pas make a personal checklist? Let us sincerely pray and work on the fruits of the Spirit, namely: love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, which should define us.

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Dear prayed over a lot of sick people, but it is different when I am asked to pray over a fellow priest, especially older ones. It was a privilege and a humbling experience for me to minister to Msgr. Marcelino Maximiano and to Msgr. Jimmy Segue who showed forever appreciation and gratitude after I visited them and prayed over them in their hospital room. More than they know, it was I who received healing, blessing, and inspiration! Again, what is done with the heart far exceeds that which is done out of obligation, duty, tradition, or compliance.

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Sept. 8 is the birthday of Mama Mary. Let us honor her with our hearts. More than one devotions or lip service, let us remember her that her greatest joy as Mother is that we her children truly listen and follow her Son. Let us consecrate to her our families, our country, and indeed, the whole world, for true peace and unity.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me not to forget the heart, and to remember that matters of the heart do matter. Amen.

P-Noy's angels

WITH DUE RESPECT

Antonio T. Carpio

THE POST of chief justice is the highest and most important appointive post in the country. Some Presidents, like Ferdinand Marcos, Corazon Aquino and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, had the opportunity to name more than one chief justice, while some others, like Fidel Ramos, did not have the chance to appoint even one. Had Chief Justice Renato C. Corona not been impeached and convicted, President Benigno Aquino III would not have been able to appoint Justice Roberto Conmel's term would have ended first.

By choosing Maria Lourdes P.A. Sereno as the first woman Chief Justice in the Philippines, P-Noy broke tradition. In this and several other appointments, he has shown an uncanny knack and good luck of nominating a gutsy corps of "angels," armed with four "Ins"—intelligent, independent, fearless and incorruptible—to help him in his battle against the "Outs" of corruption, which requires all members of the judiciary to be "of proven competence, integrity, probity and independence." ("CIPI" is the code word for them.)

Of these four traits, the most important is independence. Without it, the other three are useless. Congress, from business, from labor, from nongovernment organizations, and even from the media. Independence is expected not only of the Chief Justice but of every single constitutional organ P-Noy had appointed, namely:

• Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales, who, according to the Charter, is "the protector of the people" and who is duty bound to investigate and prosecute any act or omission that "is not in accordance with law, or is unjust, improper or inefficient."

Under Republic Act 6770, the Ombudsman has disciplinary authority over all elective and appointive officials (with the power to suspend and dismiss them), including Cabinet members, but excluding officials removable by impeachment, members of Congress and of the judiciary. She can call on any government agency to assist her in collecting data, even "disasters," to enable her to prosecute them.

Though she has been appointed Ombudsman, she is not impeachable officials like the President, Vice President and Supreme Court justices, do not enjoy immunities or privileges that for the purpose of filing (1) impeachment charges in the House of Representatives, (2) civil cases for the recovery of ill-gotten wealth, and/or (3) criminal indictments for the violation of anti-graft and other penal statutes.

Under the 1935 Constitution, the secretary of justice exercised control over the fiscal. Because the justice secretary was beholden to the President, the prosecution of officials was used to promote political opportunism. Hence, the present Constitution requires the Ombudsman to be independent, so the Department of Justice would be rid of the evil ties of partisan bias.

• Commission on Audit (COA) Chair Grace Pulido Tan is the sentinel of government assets. The COA, aided by her heads, has the duty of examining and settling "all accounts pertaining to the revenue and receipts of and expenditures or uses of funds and property" of the government.

Like the Ombudsman, the COA chair has a fixed term of seven years, can only be taken from duties, and may be removed only by the verdict or process of impeachment. Unless impeached, both Morales and Tan will stay in office longer than P-Noy, whose term ends on June 30, 2016.

Apart from these constitutional officers, P-Noy has also nominated several other ladies to critical and sensitive posts. However, unlike the three aforementioned constitutional angels, they are not independent of his and his family's undue ties (if any). Their actions and decisions are appealable to and may be modified and/or corrected by the Office of the President headed by Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa Jr. They are:

• Secretary of Justice Leila de Lima, the feisty lady who heads the prosecution arm of the executive department. She also has the power to determine whether a crime has been committed and who probably committed it. Unless she or her prosecution file and prosecute a criminal complaint, the courts cannot do much for victims, anyone.

• Secretary of Budget Florencio "Butch" Abad and Development Emily Sullivan, who dispenses P-Noy's multibillion-peso Conditional Cash Transfer program to misery-filled alleviate the plight of the poor and the underprivileged who they want for the economy to start and consequent flows with employment and other livelihood opportunities.

• Bureau of Internal Revenue Commissioner Kim Henares, the czar-in-chief and very proactive collector of all taxes that are due to the government. She increased collections through improved tax systems, like the Run After Tax Evaders (RATE) program, by filing tax cases against celebrities, businessmen and government officials.

• Customs Bureau Commissioner Chairman Chair Teresita Herbosa, brilliant lawyer-businessman of Jose Rizal and now the protector of investors in private enterprises, enforcer of good governance practices, and guardian of high officials' behavior in business.

• Presidential Management Staff Chief Julia Abad, the very young, low profile but very efficient gatekeeper of P-Noy. She provides him with background information on persons he is considering for appointive positions, and issues instructions to the heads of government agencies on ordinary intelligence, and from political standpoints to personal idiosyncrasies of friends and foes alike. She can read P-Noy's mind like no one else.

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The church of Joaquin Bernas

METHOD TO MADNESS

Patricia Evangelista

ON AUG. 31, 2012, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines published an advertisement in the newspaper arguing the CBCP's stance against the Reproductive Health bill. Signed by the Most Reverend Gabriel V. Reyes, DD, Bishop of Antipolo, the "Pastoral Letter of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines on the House Bill 4244," referred to an unnamed "columnist in one of our newspapers" who wrote that "the state should not prevent people from practicing responsible parenthood" according to their beliefs not may disenfranchised Philippine President Aquino, by whatever means, to prevent people from acting according to their religious belief."

The same letter from the Most Reverend Reyes appears on the CBCP website with images of the original letter. The letter is also displayed on the website of the diocese of Antipolo. In both, Reyes mentions Joaquin Bernas, S.J. and his column "Sounding Board" in the Philippine Daily Inquirer published on May 23, 2013. It is an odd decision to single out the name of the man the Church is excoriating from a pulpit—and the bizarre way it has published the ad as given—as if it is impossible to discern who they are referring to granting the extended quotations published in the robust. Yet, Reyes's letter was enough that allowed Bernas' name to be published online even if the CBCP chose not to name him in print. Perhaps the CBCP believed what it said online does not look into the public forum, or that the Inquirer's readers are such that they are unable to use a Google search bar.

Whatever the rationale, the CBCP's choice amounts to a cowardly use of confronting an issue, criticizing a man in the most public forum possible and still attempting some protection of anonymity. Bernas, after all, is both prior and constitutionalist, one of the Catholic Church's most public faces, and a man who in his writing has demonstrated that no matter how the Church claims that Catholicism and morality is inextricable, its own accounts believe otherwise. By choosing not to name him, the Church challenges Bernas "to fight, while at the same time withholding the fact that it is forced to challenge one of its own.

All this is expected, granting this country's general unwillingness to confront the Church face-on. But the way Bernas' name appeared repeatedly and "some people in media" have criticized his administration unfairly—at least until he decided to slam Noli de Castro at the 25th anniversary party of "It's Time!"—is in the same way lies. The Sons will continue to claim he is being bullied by the entirety of cyberspace, while refusing to answer to the charges of bullying and those who refute his alleged statements of fact. The value of naming in a debate is to call out the opponent, to say, clearly, that the argument is false, the stance is invalid, to allow for critical engagement especially since this opponent has proven again and again his capacity for rational arguments. It is, at the same time, a way to show that you stand by whatever you say, and take the flak when it hits.

The Church's choice to distance itself from the face of Bernas' priesthood comes in the wake of the Church's declaration of open war against the President and all who support the Reproductive Health bill and when they call the "reasonable opposition." The battle lines were drawn, at least by this man who lauds the Church's position on the role of rights. The Church claims its majority of like-minded Catholics; an imaginary 90 percent whose numbers are drawn from the numbers of baptismal certificates and little else. Yet it is 90 percent that include people like myself, many of us resistant, Catholic-born, Catholic-educated, Catholic-baptized, Catholic-married, Holy Mother Church, who live and work in a universe that has taught us that discrimination is discrimination, even if the commandments comes from the Pope himself. I believe in God, but I do not believe in the CBCP. The Church has given standing in its ranks. It is why the battle cry of millions stands softly like a chorus of hysterical voices from the pulpit.

In his original article, Bernas says that in spite of his own choice to stand with the Church, "freedom of religion means more than just the freedom to believe. It also means the freedom to act or not to act according to what one believes. Hence, the state should not prevent people from practicing responsible parenthood according to their beliefs, and may disenfranchised Philippine President Aquino, by whatever means, to prevent people from acting according to their religious belief."

To the public letter written by the Bishop of Antipolo...other at least named Bernas in his original letter...he argues that the Church's position is not prohibitive of artificial contraception, and that "what the church does is to say to couples Penafiel-Aquino and our senators and congressmen not to enact a law that directs the government to promote contraception and provide free contraceptives to people." At present, he says, "anyone can buy contraceptives from drugstores and even from sari-sari stores."

It is an odd statement, and one that has repeatedly been debunked, because the "anyone" who can buy does not involve the enormous percentage of the population who are not made aware that the choice exists, who are told that natural contraception is enough, and who do not have the means to buy contraceptives because the cost of a packet can mean a meal for an entire family.

"I am very much aware," says Bernas, "of the fact that we live in a pluralistic society where various religious groups have differing beliefs about the morality of artificial contraception." Bernas continues, "This is true and, therefore, we should respect the beliefs of those who disagree with us."

But he says there is a limit to the pluralism, and the issue is one of them. The Church is simply enacting the natural law, one that is above the law of any man or any other religion. "By studying through context reasoning the nature of the human person, we arrive at this teaching regarding contraception," he says. Perhaps, Catholics do not, are obliged to act according to right reason. By the efforts of the Church to go against the HB bill, the Church is not imposing her religious beliefs on others."

It does not matter that much of what he says is an insult not only to other religions but also to the "human person" he purports to protect with the "human person" being the Catholic Church can provide. The Church, after all, is not against plurality. They are not against religious freedom. They are not withholding the rights of any individual. What they encounter between Church and human demonstrates is that that the Church is willing to cull out a war, but unwilling to be called an enemy.

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A young chef's bold dreams

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

ISEE FIND out her friends called her name to audition but found to her dismay as a medical student at UCLA that "I really got scared by cadavers."

Seeking to remove from the shade of finding her intellectual ambition and to inspire, Ilocos native Cathie, 26, joined an auto in Stanford to relieve her son and find a new path to life. And there she found the challenging headquarters of cuisine. Soon being the commanding officer of gastronomy in the world, in Spain, Chanda discovered restaurants and chefs that both kept true to traditional recipes and approaches to food, and also broke new ground in terms of food methodology and application of new and novel ingredients and techniques.

Her taste buds thus awakened, Chanda found herself back in Los Angeles two months later and enrolling in the Le Cordon Bleu Program. Her "Plenty of time" is how she describes her parents' reaction to her decision to switch from medicine to cuisine. But perhaps thinking this was just a passing phase, the elder Cuizon agreed to bankroll her culinary education, including on-the-job training at Le Cordon Bleu Paris.

Chanda soon proved her parents wrong when, after obtaining her certificate from the famed culinary academy, she embarked on a series of stunning classes, apprenticeships and jobs in such places as Las Vegas, Napa Valley, Chicago and Montreux. Based in Boracay at which her father is a farmer, and since re-owner. Most memorable was a stint as line cook in the catering kitchen of Wolfgang Puck in L.A., preparing food for the recent Met Ball Oscars, the Grammys and the Grammys.

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THOSE how parents called her home, losing her with an offer on young chef in the making continue to pour in from all over the world.

The driving would not have been more perfect for at the time, Chanda had begun thinking of ways to improve the preparation, presentation and taste of food. "I had always felt quite uplifting," she reflects. "I was thinking about what kind of cuisine I wanted to concentrate on, and it always came back to Filipino food, in fusion or variety and experiences."

Once problem she and other young Filipino foodies in LA recognized was that Pinoy dishes, even the most delicious, were not hip. And even if it were, other cuisines told that the problem with the most famous and tasty local dishes—adobo, menudo, sisig—is that "they all look brown!" To make local dishes more visually appealing and tempting to serve and to eat, Chanda believes that all it takes is a touch of creative presentation and positioning. "With some tweaking, I believe we can elevate Filipino food to world-class standards," declares this young chef.

This explains how she came to be developing Cuizon restaurant "Pyramid," because, she says, "with some care and careful thinking we can make Filipino cuisine price-winning."

PHOTO is located on one of Boracay's Global City's main drugs, 32nd Street, across such landmarks as St. Luke's Hospital, BBC and Home Depot, on the ground floor of The store building that houses the D'O'L Board.

It has a rather quiet homage, and the interiors themselves are a mixed combination of fresh walls, tiled floors and blurb granite tables. There is a bar area, as well as a private room for the cozy doors on the mezzanine, just a hint of the establishment's Filipino identity.

Maybe we can call it "Mediterranean Filipino," a combination of continental classics as well as Filipino staples.

The bestseller, Chanda proudly declares, is her *kare-kare*, presented in the fashionable "deconstructed" manner of large cubes of beef tendering on a bed of vegetables and mild peanut sauce. But wherever the tapping? Tasty and pungent, it lies just beneath the cubes of meat, providing the expected salty-sweet kick to the meaty goodness.

Another surprise is the baked chicken, a colorful sprang of chicken morsels in a tomato-based caper that finds back to Caribbean, Indian and South-east Asian origins, coupled with stewed young boneless and human belly.

Among the appetizers—or as cocktail fare—I recommend the standard chicharon (best Pyramid's is home-batched, crisp and crackling but without chunk of fat), and the cheese platter that brings together cheeses from around the world (including Pinoy *kesong puti*) with fruits, nuts and bread (mini) paired with grapes, guava, bane and figs. You can also try a wide selection of wines, including one called "Pyramid" from Chile.

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ON THE line Cuizon I've visited Pyramid, Chanda tapped every table-side spiel with the plea, "Have room for dessert?" Diners would do well to heed her.

The first one-box chocolate cake combines a slab of this dessert classic with crumbs of peanut butter polvoron and a scoop of vanilla ice cream, while her panna cotta is a superb, light light but flavorful pudding of goat cheese topped with a delicious mango coulis.

The last is made from pure's milk soaked from goat (albeit exotic foreign breeds) that Chanda's father raises in his own farm. In fact, the is one place Pyramid and Chanda's family connection is manifested in Pinoy. "I've been going around talking with vegetable growers, farmers and plantation owners who could supply me directly with our ingredients, literally farm to table."

Her ambitions have been disappointed when she chose to exchange her doctor's scrubs with an apron, but then neither am looking in the good food daughter has done with Pyramid. Providing a fresh, very unique voice where limited food has not gotten anything out just good food and excellent wines, warm conversation and company, but also a shared dream to elevate Filipino cuisine to a standard equal to any in the world.

Sweden's other rape suspects

WORLD VIEW

Naomi Wolf

NEW YORK—It is difficult for me, as an advocate against rape and other forms of violence against women, to fathom the laziness and willful ignorance that permeated the media coverage of the arrest of the accused sexual assault allegations against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. To report that we are simply witnessing Swedish justice at work, one must be committed to doing no research—not even to Google "Swedish rape statistics." To report further, we are witnessing a blatant abdication in the context of Sweden's treatment of sex crimes—a view that exposes the grim reality of redefinition, or worse, of rape in the post-feminist West.

If I were raped in Uppsala, where Assange is at legal scholar examined his crime, I could not expect my prosecutors to lobby governments on my behalf, nor my assailant. On the contrary "ordinary" Swedish police and prosecutors have been known to argue that the police might not respond when called. When I filed the rape-crisis hotline in the government run Crisis Center for Women in Stockholm, no one even picked up, and there was no answering machine.

Rape crisis advocates in Sweden say a third of Swedish women have been sexually assaulted by the time they leave their teens. Indeed, according to a study published in 2005, one-third of women responded in through 2006, Sweden has the highest sexual-assault rate in Europe, and among the lowest conviction rates.

When I reached the Stockholm branch of Survivors, a support group for rape survivors, a volunteer told me that in her many years of experience, Sweden's police, prosecutors, and magistrates had never mobilized in pursuit of any of the legal protections that exist on the books to deter pursuit of damage. The far more common—in fact, the only reliable—scenario was that even cases accompanied by a significant amount of evidence were seldom prosecuted.

This, she explained, was because most rapes in Uppsala, Stockholm, and other cities occur when young women meet young men online and go to an apartment, where, as in the allegations in the Assange case, sex begins consensually but soon becomes non-consensual. But this is exactly the scenario that Swedish police typically refuse to prosecute, she said, to everywhere else. Sweden's male-dominated police do not tend to see these scenarios as "assault," and thus do not bother building a case for arrest, she said.

In the period I signed by statutory rape national says that in of 2008, the number of reported rapes in Sweden had quadrupled in 26 years, but only 30 percent of cases were prosecuted. And while the prosecution rate constituted a minimal improvement on previous years, more than than 15 percent of cases ended up in court, the conviction rate for reported rapes "is markedly lower today than it was in 1965." As a result, "in practice, many perpetrators are not punished."

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Likewise, Swedish crisis centers for victims of male violence are woefully underfunded—like all support networks for rape and abuse victims across Europe and North America—but the many women who have served in the past 30 years, from those 15 percent of cases ended up in court, the conviction rate for reported rapes "is markedly lower today than it was in 1965." As a result, "in practice, many perpetrators are not punished."

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The harm I have been before Last year, when my left-wing colleagues were viciously unanimous in believing the New York Police Department's caricature of a serious crime and a guilty before they were innocent. I'll repeat the same: I'll never feel rape crisis center. Their, Harriet Lesser, who writes every day with victims whose alleged murder is not the managing director of the Swedish national Moderate Party, confirmed that the office will support those who "are subjected to violence or threats" and that "violence is unacceptable" regardless of any investigation—was indeed unprecedented.

Let me be clear: I am not saying that Assange, much less Dominique Strauss-Kahn, committed rape or sexual assault. I am saying that Assange, as a *sine qua non* with Strauss-Kahn's, is being handled differently than how the authorities handle all other rape cases that a corrupted system of justice clearly is being applied. There discretion and favor in the inquiry of women, underfunded and without justice, who have been raped to the "normal" course of events—by victim advocates.

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ATENEO TEACHERS' STAND

RH bill promotes human rights

By 192 faculty members of Ateneo de Manila University

HAVING studied House Bill No. 4244 and the the amendments proposed by its authors, we conclude that it is rights-based and supportive of state obligations to promote health under the Constitution and international covenants.

We also find HB 4244, known as the responsible parenthood, reproductive health and population and development bill, in accordance with what Filipinos want, the vast majority of whom consistently say in surveys they support the measure.

Most important, it is an equity measure that aims to improve accessibility to reproductive health and family planning services and information. It is the poor, particularly women and their children, who stand to benefit the most from the passage of this bill.

State obligations

After almost a decade of lack of state support for family planning services (except for natural family planning or NFP) under the then-administration, which adopted an NFP-only policy, Republic Act 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women mandated the implementation of a comprehensive framework for reproductive health initiatives to advance and keep women.

It is the obligation of the state to provide information on and access to the full array of medically safe, effective and legal family planning services to enable women, men and couples, especially among the poor, to plan the number and spacing of their children.

Constitutional provision

Government support for modern family planning methods is neither unconstitutional nor a violation to the right to life provision.

The enactment of a reproductive health law has in fact settled issues in the 1987 Constitution, particularly in Art. XIII, Sec. 11 ("The State shall adopt a comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost.").

Moreover, the bill's provisions are in full harmony of our obligations under international human rights law, notably the 1966 International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1979 Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and Millennium Development Goals for 2015.

As signatory to the above, the Philippines must ensure the right to reproductive health of all its citizens and enact programs that would guarantee the right of couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of their children. Linked to the right to reproductive health are other long established human rights, such as the right to life and survival, to the highest attainable standard of health, to equal treatment, to education, to development, to liberty and to personal security.

Informed choice

Contrary to the contention that the measure infringes on religious freedom, the bill actually respects and guarantees it by providing individuals and couples adequate information on and access to a wide range of medically safe, legal and effective family planning methods, it enables Filipinos to make informed choices.

It is not a "population control bill," which rewards or penalizes couples depending on the number of their children, or imposes a limit on the number of children one could have. At the heart of the bill is the right to informed choice on and access to one's preferred family planning method, provided that this is legally permissible. This is fully in accord with the principle of mutual respect for religious differences enshrined in our Constitution.

Secular, pluralist

In fact, the insistence on a government NFP-only policy by some actors contradicts an religious freedom. The Philippines is a secular state and a pluralist society where various religious groups have competing views on the morality of "artificial" contraception. Whereas the Catholic Church proscribes the use of "artificial" contraception, other religious groups in the country allow their lay members to support for the measure's passage.

Neither political nor religious leaders should prevent people from practicing equitable family planning methods according to their religious and moral beliefs.

The country needs an RH law to ensure budgetary support for the comprehensive, integrated and sustainable delivery of RH initiatives across local government units, regardless of the religious and provincial convictions of mayors and local leaders.

Despite the Philippines being predominantly Catholic, most Filipinos want the full range of family planning services, including "artificial" contraception, which the bill provides.

In this light, it should not be viewed as an "assault" on Filipino sensibilities, or as a "Trojan horse position" for the purpose, but that the strong popular support for it shows the deeply felt need for reproductive health services.

Maternal deaths

The 2011 family health survey by the National Statistics Office found that the Philippines' maternal mortality ratio increased by 16 percent, from 162 women dying from pregnancy-related complications per 100,000 live births for every 100,000 live births in 2006, to 221 per 100,000 in 2011. (Inexplicable!)

At its current trajectory, the country will not be able to meet MDG-5 (reduce maternal deaths), which aims to reduce its maternal mortality ratio by 75 percent, from 209 per 100,000 live births in 1990, to 52 per 100,000 in 2015. Of the eight MDGs, it is MDG 5 that is least likely to be achieved by 2015.

Many of these deaths stem from the high incidence of induced abortions. An estimated 473,000 women had induced abortions in 2000, an abortion rate of 27 per 1,000 women aged 14-44, and a ratio of 18 abortions per 100 pregnancies (Juarez, Cabigon, Singh and Hussain, "The Incidence of Induced Abortion in the Philippines," 2005.)

Moreover, they found out that in the 2000 data, unlawful that 1,000 Filipino women died in 2008 as a result of abortion and that about 90,000 were hospitalized because of complications (Guttmacher Institute, "Meeting Filipino Women's Contraceptive Needs," 2009).

Anguished choice

For these women, terminating a pregnancy is an anguished choice they make in the face of severe constraints. Their top three reasons for doing so were: they could not afford the economic cost of raising another child, they were pregnancy-associated was soon after the last one, and they already have enough children (Juarez, Cabigon, and Singh "Unwanted Pregnancies in the Philippines," 2005). This, for these women, abortion has become a family planning method.

One national, statewide mortality rates of 221 per 100,000 live births translates to 15 Filipino women dying every day, according to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals Report 2010.

But are too frequent and spaced too closely (only 1.6 childbearing) to their health, as the many of them die during pregnancy or at childbirth. Many Filipino women's lives would be saved if they had access to family planning information and services, as well as to good prenatal, delivery and postpartum care. (See Box.)

Contrary to claims that it is "unsafe" because it uses abortion, the bill "recognizes that abortion is illegal and punishable by law." By giving couples, especially women, information on and access to medically safe, legal, affordable and quality family planning methods, the measure in fact seeks to save unwanted and unplanned pregnancies which are the root cause of induced abortions.

"Artificial" contraceptive methods such as pills, female sterilization, injectables, intrauterine devices and condoms are all legal in the Philippines. (RPVA 2030 4-24 seeks is to make family planning methods that are legal (registered with the Food and Drug Administration) available for those who cannot afford them. According to the WHO's 2011 Family Health Survey 10.2 percent of married or cohabiting women aged 15 to 49 were not using any family planning method because it was "hard to get."

Essential medicine

As for treating modern family planning products and supplies as "essential medicines," this is not a mere approach taken by the bill. Since the 1970s, the World Health Organization has included contraceptives as part of its core list of essential medicines.

While pregnancy is not a disease, women can die from it as well as from childbirth. To include contraceptives as "essential medicines" is to recognize the life-saving effects of contraceptives which help a woman limit and space her pregnancies.

Teenage pregnancies

Like the maternal mortality ratio, the number of teenage pregnancies in the country has been increasing. According to the 2011 Family Health Survey, the births rate (the number of births per 1,000 women) of girls 15-19 years old rose by 26 percent, from 39 in 2006 to 54 in 2011. In Manila youth in the 20-24 age group, the fertility rate increased by 7 percent, from 140 in 2008, to 150 in 2011. (Inexplicable.)

A controversial feature of the bill is age-appropriate reproductive health and sexuality education beginning in Grade 5 (schoolchildren between 11 up to fourth year high school.

Sex education optional

As stated in the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines statement letter "Choosing Life, Rejecting the RH Bill," the bishops "condemn compulsory sex education that would effectively let parents abdicate their primary role of educating their own children, especially in an area of life—sexuality, which is a sacred gift from God."

The bill's authors have thus proposed an amendment to give parents the "option of not allowing their minor children to attend classes pertaining to Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education."

Does sex education advocate sex as nature or increased sexual activity outside of marriage? In a 2009 report, Unesco defined sexuality education as "an age-appropriate, culturally relevant approach to teaching about sexual and relationships by providing scientifically accurate, realistic, non-judgmental information."

The Unesco report did a comprehensive review of studies on the impact of sex education programs in developing and developed countries worldwide on the sexual behavior of participants. The report's findings unequivocally show that sexual education programs did not result in increased sexual activity or sexual harm. None of the sexual education programs resulted in hastening the participants' initiation into sex, and not one program brought about an increased number of sexual partners for the participants.

On the contrary, 37 percent of the programs resulted in the participants' delayed initiation into sex and 64 percent brought about a reduction in the frequency of sexual partners of the participants.

HIV/AIDS cases

Unprotected sex and lack of knowledge about sex can also result in HIV/AIDS. According to a 2008 report by the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), although the Philippines has a relatively low prevalence of HIV cases, it was one of only seven countries in the world that recorded a sharp increase (25 percent) in the number of HIV cases from 2005 to 2009.

The enactment of the bill can help arrest the increase in the number of HIV cases by implementing related studies through programs to prevent and manage HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmissible infections, and through education and counseling programs on sexuality and reproductive health.

Our collective argument of HB 4244 is that it is a vital piece of legislation that needs to be passed urgently. It upholds the constitutional right of couples to found a family in accordance with their religious convictions; but does not violate freedom to internal movements; and promotes the reproductive health and rights of Filipinos, especially those who are most marginalized on the basis—our women, poor families and young people.

Social teachings

Moreover, as family members of a Catholic university, we believe that the key principles of the RH bill, are consistent of reproductive health, underlining the health needs of the marginalized and vulnerable, guarantees of the right to information and education of safety and young people alike, respect for the freedom of choice of individuals and couples in planning their families—are compatible with the core principles of Catholic social teachings, such as the sanctity of human life, the dignity of the human person, the preferential option for the poor, integral human development, human rights and the primacy of conscience.

The time has come to vote on and pass the measure, and to make its enactment one of the enduring legacies that the 15th Congress and the Aquino administration can offer to the Filipino people. We ask our legislators to disatte the scourge and wisdom for votes, not on the basis of vested interests, but in the service of the people, especially the poor, from whom they derive and to whom they owe their mandates.

Speaking only for ourselves and not for the rest of our colleagues, the university, or the factory of Jesus, we reiterate our full and unequivocal support for HB 4244.

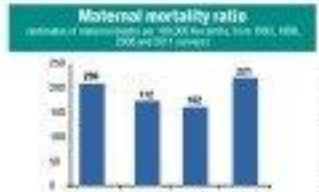
(This is an abridged version of the Declaration of Support for House Bill No. 4244 first released on Aug. 13 and released on Aug. 28, with an expanded list of signatories. The 192 signatories come from various schools of Ateneo de Manila University (grade schools, School of Medicine and Public Health, Law School and School of Government. The list of signatories can be viewed at www.ateneo.edu/rhbill/signatories.)

HB 4244 provisions notably beneficial to women and young people

- Information on and provision of the full range of all legal contraceptives with the Food and Drug Administration, medically safe and effective modern methods of family planning (whether "natural" or "artificial," "without interfering with the other").
- Modern family planning products and supplies recognized as "essential medicines" in the National Drug Formulary to facilitate volume procurement (based on the WHO's categorization of contraceptives as "essential medicines").
- Centralized procurement and distribution of family planning supplies by the Department of Health.
- Adequate number of midwives for skilled birth attendance at delivery.
- Capability-building on reproductive health for barangay health workers.
- Access to basic and comprehensive emergency obstetrics and newborn care through hospitals adequately staffed and supplied, maternal and newborn health units and lying-in clinics (Hospitals/BEMONC/CEMONC).
- Conduct of maternal death reviews to analyze the causes of maternal deaths.
- Mobile outreach services to every congressional district.
- Public-private partnership for reproductive health with the private sector/NGOs.
- Maximum PhilHealth benefits for services for the management of HIV complications.
- Age-appropriate RH and sexuality education beginning Grade5 (schoolchildren between 11 up to fourth year high school).
- Immediate appropriation for implementation under the General Appropriations Act.

Maternal mortality ratio

(estimates of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births, from 1990, 1998, 2006 and 2011 surveys)



Age-specific fertility rates

(live births per 1,000 women, from 2006 and 2011 surveys)

Age group	2006 (%)	2011 (%)
15-19	39	54 (up 38%)
20-24	140	150 (up 7%)
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ALL HANDS ON DECK Children of Upper Kolambog, Barangay Lapasan, Cagayan de Oro City, help out in clearing debris from a house that was destroyed by a landslide triggered by Friday's earthquake.

FLEEING TO SAFER GROUNDS Residents bring in a coastal village in Catarman, Northern Samar, evacuees to higher grounds after receiving a tsunami warning from local authorities on Friday night.

Village folk return home; quake damage minor

By Inquirer Bureau

DAVAO CITY—Thousands of villagers in eastern Philippines who fled their homes during Friday night's 7.6-magnitude earthquake returned home yesterday but households were advised to stay in evacuation centers as the ground continued to shake, disaster officials said.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) yesterday reported recording 160 aftershocks since Friday night after the earthquake struck 112 kilometers east of Guiuan town, Samar Island.

Benjamin Galendez, Phivolcs seismologist for Southern Mindanao, said most of the aftershocks were too faint to be felt, but at least 40 of them were quite strong, ranging from magnitude 3.8 to 4.9.

Of the 20 strong aftershocks, Galendez said 14 were traced off Surigao del Norte starting 6:27 p.m. on Friday up to about 2:30 p.m. yesterday.

The Phivolcs' website listed 24 moderate to strong quakes occurring off Surigao del Norte and Eastern Samar as of 11:19 a.m. yesterday.

Galendez said aftershocks may continue to occur several days after a major quake. He said people should always be on alert after any aftershocks, especially large ones.

Minor damage

The earthquake caused minor damage, according to civil defense officials.

Executive Director Benito Ramos of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) confirmed the death of a 44-year-old woman whose shack at an abandoned quarry in Sitio Upper Kolambog, Barangay Lapasan, was buried in a landslide that occurred during the quake.

Disaster officials identified the dead as Emelita Ubaldo, who was one of her shack when the ground began to shake at 8:37 p.m. on Friday. Reports said that she was out carrying her 5-year-old grandson, Ubaldo ran back into the shack to get the child. But sad and unseen on a k. street mound in the quarry hill on the shack, burying it.

After the quake, neighbors worked to save Ubaldo and the child. Adrian Bendijo, who found the child still in bed and saved him, but it took longer to dig out Ubaldo.

She was still alive when the rescuers found her. They took her to Capitol University Medical Center, where she died later.

Houses collapse

Fourteen Balhoon shacks said it had been raining in the area for days, loosening soil on the mound. When the earthquake struck, he said, the mound of soil above Ubaldo's house came crashing down, burying it.

Manolo Gobenchong, chief of the regional disaster council in Caraga, said four houses in barangay Tagasaan in Surigao City collapsed when the quake struck. Two houses in Socorro, Surigao del Norte, and a boat docked in Siargao, in the same province, were damaged by the quake. No one was killed in these incidents.

Gobenchong said the seawall in the towns of Placer and General Luna in Surigao del Norte were cracked. In San Isidro town, the pillars of the public market were damaged. Gobenchong said the market was declared unsafe.

Gobenchong said Surigao airport officials had reopened the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) to inspect the runway to determine its usability although they reported no cracks.

She said some structures, including the provincial gymnasium in Surigao City, sustained damage. The Tagasaan-Lihan road in Tagasaan town had cracks but passable to motorbuses, she said.

Gobenchong said the earth quake cut power in Surigao City and Siargao. Residents in those places remained without electricity as of yesterday morning, she said.

Evacuations

Among aftershocks forced fresh evacuations in coastal villages in Surigao and Davao Oriental, according to Caraga Regional Director Alexander Lim.

Supt. Harold Magsayo, spokesperson for the Southern Mindanao police, said panicstricken people were evacuated in the towns of Lupon, Governor, Caraga, Cateel, Manay and Tarragona in Davao Oriental, but they returned home as soon as they felt all was safe again, Magsayo said.

In Surigao del Sur, provincial disaster officials said up to 6,000 people fled to higher ground after the main quake on Friday night. They began to go home at 2 a.m. after the tremor did not rise to threatening height, the OCD said. Reporters Jeannette I. Andrade in Davao, Marlon Ramos in Cebu, Marvin Mendoza, Orlando Dimay, Edwin Fernandez, Priscilla Lim, Gil Bonillo, Ryan Rosauro and Brenda Batino, Inquirer Mindanao; Jaqy A. Galvante, Jose Arnaiz, Clarence Nepal-Ines Inquirer Research and Darla Gomez, Inquirer Visayas

'It's a blessing Filipinos spared from destruction,' say scientists

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The Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii issued a Pacific-wide tsunami alert, but canceled the warning shortly after the temblor generated only small waves.

The tsunami scare touched off panic in Cagayan de Oro City, knocked out power in several towns, and spurred panic about a tsunami that eroded up power using only city waves.

Only minor damage

Executive Director Benito Ramos of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) identified the dead as Emelita Ubaldo of Barangay Lapasan, Cagayan de Oro City, whose house was buried in a landslide when the quake hit at intensity 5 in the city, struck at 8:37 p.m. on Friday.

Thousands of villagers who fled their coastal homes after Friday night's quake returned home yesterday, but hundreds more still prayed from the temblor remained in evacuation centers, disaster officials said.

Ramos said the quake generated no large tsunamis and caused only minor damage, including cracks on buildings and several bridges.

Certainly strong

The temblor was certainly strong enough, Solidum said. He said it "is magnitude 7 quakes on energy release but to 32 kilometers underground, while magnitude 8 would be equivalent to 1,024 Hiroshima atomic bombs."

Magnitude is a measure of the energy released at the source of an earthquake. It is different from intensity, which gauges the strength of tremors in specific places, and is determined according to its effects on people, structures and the environment, according to the USGS.

"Typically a large magnitude earthquake should generate a large-scale tsunami," Solidum said. "But what was the proclamation of the US Pacific Tsunami Warning Center: So when it did not happen, we did a review and analyzed the earthquake, we found that there was also a horizontal movement, so the tsunami is generated was not that much," he said.

Varying intensities

On Friday, the Phivolcs reported earthquake intensities ranging from VI to V mostly recorded around the Pacific Ocean. Intensity 7 was registered in the towns of Guiuan, Oras, Salcedo, San Policarpo and Llorente, and Borongan City in Eastern Samar; and Tacloban City in Leyte.

According to the Phivolcs, people would feel an intensity 7 quake strongly, with considerable damage to poorly built structures, cracks on roads and dikes, heavy objects and furniture falling, and "most people are frightened and run outdoors."

The could have been the scenario if Friday night's earthquake had originated on land, Solidum said. Instead, "what happened was a bit off there, 112 km east of Guiuan, Eastern Samar, so the shaking was not felt very much," he said.

On the other hand, an undersea quake also entailed its own set of considerable dangers, especially that of a tsunami, Solidum said.

Immediate evacuation

Expecting a giant tsunami, Phivolcs urged immediate evacuation of residents in coastal towns in the Visayas for three hours after the earthquake struck, but lifted the warning at past midnight, about an hour after the US Pacific Tsunami Warning Center canceled its own alert.

Even that remains standing of the quake, as the vertical displacement of the water was not significant," Solidum said.

Solidum said the closest example of an earthquake approximating the characteristics of Friday's temblor is the 1976 quake of 1976. But that was much more destructive.

The 7.9-magnitude quake, of tectonic origin, struck in August 1976, with the epicenter in the Celebes Sea, near the islands of Mindanao and Sulu. The quake generated a powerful tsunami that killed more than 5,000 people.

Nearly unscathed

EPS Lagmay said the Philippines escaped, nearly unscathed, from seven types of earthquake-strength: hazardous tsunami, ground shaking, liquefaction (of soil), ground rupture, ground subsidence, landslide, and tectonic subsidence.

"But as you can see, even though we had intensity 6 to 7, which is already strong, then wasn't much shaking of the ground because the epicenter was too far away," Lagmay, also executive director of the government's Project Noah (Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards), told the Inquirer.

Lagmay said the hazards in areas...in Samar, Leyte and Surigao—were not densely populated and did not have clusters of tall buildings and other structures, unlike urban centers. "If this happened in the Manila Trench, there would have been a much bigger effect," he said.

Including Solidum's explanation, he said a giant tsunami did not materialize because of the "sideways" movement of the quake. Thus, there was not enough displacement of water that could send walls of water crashing on the shore, as in the

QUAKE EPICENTER Phivolcs head Renato Solidum points to the epicenter of the 7.6-magnitude quake that jolted the eastern part of the country during a press conference in Quezon City on Friday night.

earthquake and tsunami disasters in Japan in March 2011.

But Lagmay said the decision of the Phivolcs to issue a tsunami warning and advise the immediate evacuation of coastal residents in affected areas was "a matter of caution, since we're very of predicting the impact of an earthquake."

"While the event is occurring, it is just right to issue a tsunami alert, because at that point, you still don't know what's going to happen in the next 15 of the earthquake," he said.

That because we were lucky this time does not mean we should be complacent, Lagmay said. The Philippines, one of the countries sitting on the Pacific Ring of Fire, is a country in place where big earthquakes can strike at any time, he said.

Other big quakes

The last big quakes to hit the Philippines were the 7.1-magnitude earthquake in November 1994 and the 7.9-magnitude earthquake in August in July 1998, the Phivolcs' Solidum said.

In the meantime, Solidum said residents of the coastal villages affected by Friday night's quake should prepare for aftershocks, which could be felt "for weeks, or even months after the earthquake."

He said the strongest aftershocks, so far, were two that immediately followed the quake's seismic event, one 6.4 in magnitude, at 9:14 p.m. and 9:27 p.m. on Friday respectively.

As of yesterday morning, more than 150 aftershocks have been felt by the people of the province, most of them mild, Solidum said. "In general, near seismic events will be followed by smaller events," he said, meaning weaker aftershocks. With reports from Philip C. Salaya and AP

Aika is a household word

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The massive outpouring of public sympathy and support was what kept the Robredo family going through those dark moments after Robredo's death in a plane crash off Masbate, his official campaign said yesterday.

Aika said the strength for them were the hugs and kisses when the body of her father still could not be found. Moreover, the support the family received from relatives, friends and the public helped see them through the pain.

"The hardest was the first three days when we still did not know. While we were ready for it, you glimse for something that you don't know the outcome or couldn't understand," Aika said in an interview.

"You're in limbo. You're in an entrance, why am I sad when it's still not confirmed? But at the same time, you know in the back of your head, you know we will no longer be seeing each other," she said.

According to Aika, soon after the announcement that Robredo's plane was missing, people started converging into the family compound in Naga City and praying for his rescue.

"That was a big help for us because we realized how many people were actually praying for my dad's safety. We were thinking that at least if he didn't survive, with so many people praying for him, he would be in a better place either way," she said.

The family members were really desperate to find him. They found out that even people from Mindanao had come to Naga to pay their respects.

"Our orientation ever since was that our Papa was someone who was just not ours. He was someone we shared with others," she said.

Aika said she was watching a basketball game at Ateneo's Gonzaga in Cubao, Quezon City between Ateneo de Manila University and Far Eastern University that fateful afternoon of the plane crash.

"I got a text message from my mother that said, 'Please call.' I knew then that something was wrong because when my parents were something, they say 'Doctor… doctor,'" she said.

"When I saw the message, I thought, 'Uh-oh! Issue.' Then I called my mother told me Papa's plane could not be found," she said.

Her mother asked her to call her younger sister Tricha, what happened because it would not be right "if she found it from someone else."

"I was panicky but my mom was telling me, 'You know we can't do anything. You just have to keep praying, praying and praying.' And I had to face my sister's at least one of us should be calm," she said.

Aika said she decided to personally break the sad news to her sister to make sure she would be okay.

"I couldn't decide on the phrase. I had to be careful about how she would react so I picked [saying that the condo used] told her the news in the car," she said.

Whirlwind we went to the Mt. Carmel church (in Quezon City) to pray because that's near [our house]," she added.

According to Aika, in the first two days after the crash, they were just "letting things happen."

"People were going in our house. My mom's friends were there. The Naga City officials were there and the staff was organizing the food and all that, letting what to do next," she said.

"Even the final shot was being served was also brought by those who came to visit us. For at least the first three days, we were just letting things happen. We were not attending to anyone but everyone was there," she added.

Aika said she told her younger sisters on the second night after the crash to prepare for the worst.

"I told them, you know we should keep praying but we should be realistic. It's been more than 24 hours and we still had no news. So while we still hope for the best, you have to manage your expectations," Aika said.

She said her sisters were sad but understood the situation.

"While it was still painful to see the actual closed box coming down from the plane because you know what was inside, maybe it would have been more difficult to accept and resist if we had not witnessed everything," she said.

Aika said if was her mother who was the strongest of all of them. She kept on reminding them that their mother must now "be in a better place," she said.

"She would say Papa is in a happy place and he's peaceful. He's also being sad every now and then but if it stops you from doing what you were supposed to do, maybe even he might be unsettled by that. So, maybe it's wrong but I picked her up that we would become the reason why he would not be able to move on there," Aika said.

Aika said there were no plans for anyone from the family to hold office after Robredo's death.

"It should be the last thing now [a] eight years. We haven't talked about it yet but personally, I think it would be the same," she said.

"You know, even when he was in politics, we had our own lives. We'd only help out during election time. Even now, my mom would go back to her work. We are happy with what we're doing now," said the 29-year-old Aika who works for an international call firm in Manila.

"It does not sway us from anything in doing our part. If the opportunity to go into politics is an option, politics is not a requirement. You can serve in many other ways which is also what my father said," Aika said.

Simple outdoors fan transforms

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In a country that used to lose 1.3 million hectares of forest each year, many people used their environment. Ubaida again has been the life mark of Andreanus Bernildo Ibarra, a social entrepreneur and environmentalist.

Nature lover

The 40-year-old Ibarra, as he is known, downplays the reasons his pioneering efforts have brought him, saying he is a simple fan of the outdoors who got alerted was for attention because of his love for nature.

He credits farmers the communities themselves for being open to change and for begining the transformation that has retained 200,000 hectares of forest land and resources-rich Mt. Apo peak.

"Change will come only if the people, the community themselves, change. So I cannot and do not bring anything new. I am just accompanying them in their change," Ibarra said.

He said people must change their "situation, their livelihood and their environment" when they are organized, "when they have a sense of togetherness and collective sense of leadership."

Learned from Filipinos

Ibarra also gives credit to the Filipino friends, like-minded environment advocates from Davao and Cagayan de Oro, with whom he has been collaborating for the past 15 years.

He said he learned everything from my friends in the Philippines. The Philippines has a longer history of indigenous peoples' movements, land reform, agrarian reform, deforestation reform … so I learned all these things from Filipinos," he said.

Ibarra, who founded the multisectoral environmental organization Tribpak, is among the six recipients this year of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, conferred Asia's equivalent of the Nobel Prize.

"Of course I never thought about earning recognition. It never crossed my mind that the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF)" was searching me, evaluating or researching me. So I was surprised and asked what does it mean, what will happen with me?" he said.

"Now that I'm part of this family of laureates, it's like also a responsibility to be part of the family deepening it," he added.

Ibarra caught the attention of the RMAF when he led Tribpak's campaigns against illegal logging and fishing practices around Indonesia, leading to the arrest of many illegal logging, fish and wildlife smugglers. For taking on such "dangerous work," the RMAF noted, Ibarra has seen the inside of a prison.

"Tribpak's[s] exposés on the issues and others other in illegal logging and smuggling activities, public indignation and heightened pressure on Indonesian and other governments to right on and enforce regulations on timber production and trade," the RMAF said.

The foundation also noted Ibarra's unfailing commitment to pursuing a "community-based natural resources management" in Indonesia and introducing "fresh social enterprise initiatives that engage the forest communities as full partners."

Original purpose

Growing up in a farming family in Central Java, Ibarra indulged his love for the outdoors as a student in sciences student at Bogor Agricultural University in West Java. While at university, he said the subordinates prioritized forestry and conservation of more boring of his own mind, to explore Indonesia's lush forests and mountains.

"We wanted to be together, wanted to keep doing what we have to do, going out in nature and working with rural people, mountain climbing," Ibarra recalled.

Those frequent treks led the group into encounters with local villagers, eventually inspiring the establishment of Tribpak as a grassroots-based wildlife protection organization.

"I think it was a slow transformation and evolution [into what Tribpak is now]. And now, today, we are having a hard time keeping to the original [purpose] of our organization, which is hard," he said. "But we're managing.

"There are so many problems and challenges. But we don't want to forget that we are doing this because we are happy doing this and our passion is in this," he said.

The challenge is time

Tribpak, which means the side of the face or the shore in Bahasa, was the name of choice for a group that literally hit the ground running, facing against time to help save the environment.

"The challenge is time. Because we don't have time. That's why we invite others to join our organization, to learn about the mission. We want to be together," Ibarra said.

"CHANGE will come only if the people, the community themselves change," says Andreanus Bernildo Ibarra of Indonesia.

'Genghis Khan' lost and found; Manila sets homecoming

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"Holy Grail" of Filipino film archiving.

Some Filipino archivists thought that the Manuel Conde 1950 historical epic film had been irretrievably lost "in their negative print in the country," according to Nicole Immo, chair of the Philippine Film Archive of the Philippines (FDCP), the government agency tasked to oversee the movie industry.

In a 2008 Inquirer story-inked "reborn in the world is 'Genghis Khan,'" Filipino archivists said some prints of the movie were marked away in various film vaults in Europe.

"Genghis Khan" proved to be elusive and the search for the film can only be described as a global treasure hunt.

Early last year, the Venice International Film Festival, led by its director Alberto Barbera, thought of including "Genghis" in a new section called "Il Cinema" — a retrospective of past cinema.

Tess Blanc are part of the series and "Genghis" is the only Filipino film in the lineup. (The digitally restored "Himala," directed by National Artist for Film Manuel Bernal, is in a different section of the Venice fest, Venezia Classici.)

Rare quality

The Venice website explained that the films were chosen "on the basis of rarity" and most of the prints were culled from the collection of the Historic Institute of Contemporary Arts of the Biennale (Venice).

Some archivists searched for "Genghis" in its libraries. At one point, Ann found new method "Genghis" in its storehouses. But when the cans were opened, there were empty.

"We thought Conde sold Genghis' along with two of his best films, 'Highlands' and 'Sister Stella L,' to an Italian businessman after his Venice trip in 1952," Santos said.

Ann Santos-Immo stumbled on the first reels of "Genghis" in one of its warehouses.

The fourth reel was damaged, said Santos.

Ann archivists had to lay existing prints stored at the British film institute in London, and the Cinethèque Française in Paris, "to combine different elements from the best copies in the Western film," she said.

After the laboratory restored the more complicated part, digitalization restoring a 61-year-old film.

Santos looked at the challenge as an "opportunity" to forge a partnership with the Venice film festival.

"We got really excited when we found out that Bernardo Bertolucci in Bologna, Italy, ran the laboratory tasked to restore 'Genghis Khan,'" Santos pointed out. "We knew that the Bologna lab is a pioneer in film restoration. Its collection of Italian neorealism archives, including Martin Scorsese's World Cinema Foundation. We have been wanting to collaborate [with them]."

Santos explained that the print that's currently undergoing "has an English narration that's almost super-imposed over the original Tagalog dialogue."

"We've been trying to integrate the original Tagalog version in the restoration so that our son viewer is as it was initially shown in the Philippines in 1950," Santos said.

The Philippine government entered half of the total western version cost (P2 million) with the Venice fest.

Originally released in the Philippines in 1950, "Genghis" recounts the exploits of the founder of the Mongol empire. It could be considered as the first Filipino film that truly earned "international."

Director Lav Diaz, Conde's son, told the Inquirer that his father inked a deal with United Artists, a Hollywood film company, for the international release of "Genghis Khan." "It was shown in the United States, Europe and all over Asia," Diaz said.

As a teenager, Urbano accompanied his father when he shot the film "Krus na Kawayan" in Vietnam, in 1956.

"When we passed by a storehouse in downtown Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), we learned that the marquee read 'Genghis Khan.' It was my father's movie and it was dubbed in Vietnamese with Chinese subtitles."

The Venice website described "Genghis Khan" as "an adventure movie filmed audaciously in historical natural settings, with a journey of means, but with the touch of Hollywood."

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Manila premiere

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Married by controversy

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When Urbano visited the set, he was awed by the various hairstyles of the cast. "The actors were not wearing wigs. The hair of the women were actual hair from their heads," Urbano said.

Sharing credit

According to show biz lore, the film's villain, Leo Ashenter, supposedly agreed to share his head with Conde's pet monkey (instead of a fake one), since Ashenter refused. That is why the original publicity and posters of the film bore Salvador's name as director.

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Urbano said his father was "ahead of his time … he could very well be the country's first independent filmmaker."

Santos agreed. He said Conde "embodied the independent spirit that allowed Filipino films to endure against all odds, challenges, crises and limitations through the years."

Santos also noted that Conde's "born-banned" series is "unlike any other in the world" and "is unique to the Philippines."

"It is unfortunate that there are no copies of the 'Born-Banned' films in existence. But they remain relevant up to this day," Santos said.

But all his contributions to Philippine cinema, he was declared a national artist in 2009. However, that year's selection process for National Artist was marred by controversy after two curators, theater practitioner Cecile Guidote-Alvarez and iconic novelist Carlo J. Caparas[s] were added by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to the honor roll at the last minute.

The declaration of the 2009 batch of national artists is currently mired in an ongoing legal issues.

"It's sad that the confirmation of the national artist] honor on Conde was put on hold because of the controversy," said "But the process needs to be heeded."

The Conde family would rather not raise a fuss, any of a series of debacles (propriety), Urbano said. "My don't want to be accused of being too eager for the award."

Still, Urbano is glad that his father's work is again being recognized with the Venice screening. "My dad wanted to put Philippine cinema on the map. He was a true patriot. He wanted to share his nationalist ideas to our people, without sounding preachy."

Hollywood crossover

In the 1950s, his father was on the verge of crossing over to mainstream Hollywood, "He was all set to direct a colossal action film on the construction of the Burma Rice Terrace with Hollywood actor Anthony Quinn. It was supposed to be Quinn's big crossover."

Unfortunately, Hollywood stirred Conde's proposal of a Filipino-American coproduction. "He didn't want to be just a hired talent. He wanted to play an active role in the production. But the studio was not receptive to the Filipino filmmakers were as par with the world's best."

Belatedly "Genghis Khan" will have a double homecoming…in Venice and Manila.

Repatriation is vital, Santos said. "Our archives are repository of our country's film history. Its collection is the NFAP, other countries will hopefully follow suit. It will be easier for us to repatriate Filipino films from different archives all over the world."

The FDCP is currently working on the restoration of rare Filipino films (Gerry de Leon's "Ifarrobel" and "Sampa ni Zamudar"); that are now stored in the film archives of Thailand. With co-report from Ana Santos-Avellana Evans, contributor

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Across the NATION

GMA quietly returns to Pampanga to give relief goods

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Ailing former President and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo quietly slipped back to Pampanga's second district, and handed out relief goods to flood victims for two days, reports received by the Inquirer said.

On Thursday, Arroyo checked the situation of residents in Barangay Benedicto in Lubao town. On Friday, she visited folks in Barangay Bancasa in Floridablanca town.

She traveled to and from her home in La Vista, Quezon City, where she has lived since a Pasay regional trial court judge on July 25 allowed her to post bail in a case for electoral sabotage.

"She's trying to make full use of her temporary liberty. If she's accused, she won't be able to mingle with her constituents anymore," said a member of her party who declined to be named for lack of authority to speak for her. He TV cameras followed her. Danielle Ovejera, Inquirer Central Luzon

Illegal loggers linked to contractors

BAGUIO CITY—Illegal loggers have been supplying contractors of government road projects in the Cordillera with lumber, a Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) official said here.

"Contractors who are awarded government building contracts have been using wood as a component in construction and they source out the wood from the interior cities ... not knowing if the supplies are legally or illegally cut," Augusto Lagua, Cordillera regional technical director of the DENR's Forest Management Service, told the Cordillera regional law enforcement coordinating committee meeting on Aug. 29.

He said work delays due to a shortage of lumber appeared to coincide with periods when government banks down on illegal loggers.

He said some contractors abandoned projects when they learned that they were using illegal materials, hoping that they would be charged alongside their suppliers. This delays the government projects, he said.

Members of an antilogging task force formed by the DENR have urged the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the region's local governments to use other materials for government projects to curb the demand for illegally sourced wood.

They said that government should consider the use of alternative materials such as steel instead of wood in the construction of public buildings and bridges.

The task force was formed following the issuance of Executive Order No. 23 by President Aquino in 2011 that imposed a logging moratorium.

Last month, the DENR-task forces based in the Cordillera, Bicol, Cagayan and Central Luzon agreed to share resources to monitor the regions' forests.

The DPWH, however, said it was not aware of these commitments. Constance Sarmiento, DPWH Cordillera maintenance division chief, said the task force's call might also be impractical.

"We use wood particularly in construction of school buildings. We use wood in installing retaining walls, partitions and railings. Using steel and cement [as an alternative] is very expensive. Other government projects in urban areas may [need] this appeal, but it would be difficult in the rural areas because funding in [steel and cement] is expensive, compared to wood that is just available [in the community]," he said.

Lagua said DENR had confiscated 225 cubic meters of illegally cut pinewood and lauan lumber in the Cordillera from January 2010 to June 2012, and had charged people caught bringing these logs out of the forests. Delon Cabreo, Inquirer Northern Luzon

500% hike in Tacloban airport fees opposed

By Joey Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY—Business leaders and local officials are opposed to a plan to increase the terminal fee at Daniel Z. Romualdez (DZR) Airport, the biggest airport in Eastern Visayas.

They said airport facilities should be improved first before any increase is implemented, said Bernardita Salenzuela, chief information officer of Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez.

She said the stand of the city government reflected the general sentiment of the people.

The Tacloban Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TFCCCI), which was represented in the public hearing, also opposed the proposal.

Go Te Chiong, TFCCCI president, said while businessmen were amenable to an increase, the 500-percent increase was too much.

"The TFCCCI agrees to a P20 increase of the present P30 terminal fee provided the airport could prove to the public its rational use to provide better facilities and services," he said.

Passengers at DZR Airport often complain of lack of water, poor air-conditioning system, lack of space and seats, among others.

The Department of Transportation and Communications, through CAAP, will implement a five-year improvement project for the airport, which would cost P500 million.

ONCE DRY
A basketball goal juts out of the water in a village in Los Baños, Laguna, serving as an indication of how deep the floods had gone in the area at the height of recent monsoon rains. Authorities say the floods can last up to two months. MARIANNE CHRISTINE PERFECTO/INQUIRER SOUTHERN LUZON

Ousted Imus mayor plans rallies on poll ruling

By Marlowe Cinco
Inquirer Southern Luzon

SAN PEDRO, Laguna—Supporters of the mayor of Imus, Cavite, who had been ordered removed from office by a local court, are planning to mount rallies to press the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to enforce a recent decision declaring the unseated mayor winner in the 2010 elections and reinstating him.

Supporters of Homer Saquilayan, Imus mayor who had been ordered unseated by a local court, are pressing Comelec to enforce on Aug. 15 decision of its first division finding Saquilayan winner of the 2010 election.

The Comelec division, chaired by Commissioner Rene Sarmiento, declared Saquilayan winner by 3,429 votes over Emmanuel Maliksi following a review of digital images of ballots cast in the automated election of May 2010.

The Aug. 15 decision nullified the November 2011 decision by the Imus Regional Trial Court in favor of Maliksi's election protest and which led to his installation as mayor in December 2011.

Maliksi's camp had filed an appeal before the Aug. 15 decision at the Comelec en banc.

In a phone interview on Wednesday, Saquilayan said the Aug. 15 decision of the Comelec division did not come with a writ of execution.

"Usually, it just takes five days at most for Comelec to enforce the resolution," said Saquilayan, a member of the Nacionalista Party.

"I don't know why, but it seems someone is Malacañang is preventing [my reinstatement]," Saquilayan said.

Maliksi, son of former Cavite governor and now Imus Rep. Ireneo "Boying" Maliksi, is a member of the ruling Liberal Party.

Biliran state school head charged with graft

By Jody Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY—The president of Naval State University (NSU) in Biliran is facing a graft complaint at the Ombudsman-Visayas for alleged irregularities.

Edita Demaya was accused by former Inquirer Arjome Arcenal of purchasing a simulator machine worth P21 million without public bidding and of appointing nine instructors who didn't have master's degrees.

Arcenal was on the university's board of regents as representative of Jun Edgardo Argan in 2010 and served as part-time instructor from 2008 until he was terminated in July this year.

When reached for comment, Comelec branded all the complaints, saying it was because it's "mayari" but reputation. Comelec is among the nominees from Eastern Visayas in the search of outstanding public servant by the Civil Service Commission.

She said she had fired Arcenal due to his "untruly behavior" after he participated a rally for her ouster.

"This complaint filed against me is nothing but harassment with no intent to malign me," Comelec said.

Comelec said the procurement law allowed purchase of equipment through direct contract if the equipment was exclusively for a manufacturers and if offered at a lower price.

She said the instructors she appointed were qualified.

While Comelec admitted she had hired some university members for the construction and improvement of her house, they were paid out of personal funds.

Groups continue to raise funds for Zambo City dog hero

KABANG in the company of a grandson of her owners at Patrocenia Park in Zamboanga City

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Good Samaritans are still raising the funds needed to have a hero dog that lost her snout in the process of saving two girls get surgery in the United States.

Lack of funds is delaying the planned US surgery of Kabang, a dog declared a hero for rescuing from the path of a speeding motorcycle that was about to hit two daughters of her masters in a village here.

Dr. Aaron Lim, veterinarian working with the Yu Chi Foundation, said at least $20,000 is needed for Kabang's surgery "and we have guaranteed $4,000 so far."

Lim said his group continued to raise funds for Kabang in partnership with the California-based UC Davis Veterinary Medicine, Philippine Rio Linda, Global Animal Transport, Animal Welfare Coalition and Hallmark Inn Davis in California via the website caringforkabang.com.

Lim said what saddens him was that while animal welfare groups abroad are all out in supporting Kabang, efforts of local groups are being questioned by some animal care organizations in the country.

"Kabang saved lives and that made her a hero," Lim said.

Lim said they were hoping to finally bring Kabang to the United States this month. He said his group sought to raise at least $6,000 since if the original target of $20,000 could not be reached this month.

"There's already a place to stay in the US while Kabang will be undergoing treatments," Lim said.

Aside from lack of funds, he said Kabang also needed to be familiar with other people that would accompany the dog to the States.

Last month, Andy and Christina Bungcal, could not accompany Kabang to the States for not having travel documents.

Kabang is now in a controlled environment and is receiving regular antibiotics to prepare her for the reconstructive surgery, Lim said.

"We need to give her antibiotics regularly to prepare her for upcoming surgery," he said.

Andy said he had waived his right to accompany Kabang and had entrusted her to Lim and the other veterinarians that have been helping the family pet. The groups helping them include Animal Welfare Coalition through Mona Camangi. Julie Alipala, Inquirer Mindanao

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Solar-powered rural entrepreneurs

By Allyson Bangcaya
Contributor

PROUD new owners of solar lanterns pose with John Smith of the Well of Life Foundation.

GEMMA Abag is a typical woman in a rural village. She manages the household, helps her farmer-husband, and takes care of their three young children.

And like every Barangay meeting of the municipality of Davao City, she had accepted the reality that she could not rely on electricity service in going about her domestic duties. Her children struggled to do homework under a flickering gas lamp.

The family finally experienced the convenience of light in April when the Alliance for Mindanao and Multi-Regional Renewable Water Energy (MIRORE) Development Program brought solar home systems and solar lanterns to the village.

Amore is a rural electrification scheme sponsored by the US Agency for International Development, in collaboration with the Department of Energy. Implemented by the US-based nonprofit group Winrock International, it has brought an alternative energy source to off-grid consumers, now, mostly in Mindanao, using renewable energy technologies such as solar and micro-hydroelectric.

Like a beacon

For Gemma, light coming from solar photovoltaic (PV) sources was like a beacon, guiding her along a path never before taken by a Manguang woman—that of a solar entrepreneur. Her journey began even before the technology was introduced to the rural areas.

In October last year, the Well of Life, a Davao-based non-government organization helping people pursue organic farming and livelihood projects, sought out Amore and suggested a household electrification project in Manguang. Solar home systems had just been installed in two neighboring villages the previous year.

Amore was then rolling out a new scheme called the Business Development Assistance (BDA), which would help facilitate the commercial sale and sustainable operations of PV systems in the underserved rural market. The package includes financing and delivery mechanisms that are affordable to households.

While their husbands look for jobs in the fields and big cities, the women say the community. As they are the first in the concerned areas basic necessities run out in their households, the women still certainly not allow a most enjoyed convenience such as light or be snatched away from them because of poor maintenance.

It took three months to prepare the women for the new undertaking. They learned the skills of a technician and an entrepreneur. They were also all

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PHOTO: MAGUINDANAO PROVINCIAL

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'It's like an on-and-off situation'

In Maguindanao, families find life on the run becoming normal

By Jeoffrey Maitem
Maguindanao

ORLANDO Samora was roused from sleep as his parents dragged him to safety. Outside their home in Barangay Sueng in Ampatuan, Maguindanao, armed men were on a rampage.

That was 42 years ago.

On Aug. 6, what Samora thought was a nightmare from a distant past came back.

Samora, now 48 years old, gathered his children and grandchildren to flee from their village as the sound of gunfire drew nearer. They were not able to go far, however, as members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) caught up with them and other fleeing villagers and held them hostage for nine hours.

When his family and 500 other families finally made it to the evacuation center, Samora could not help but become emotional. "It's like living in a dominion hell—hopeless. Our children could not go to school, and other opportunities," he said.

He said three generations of his family had lived through decades of violence in Maguindanao and he felt hopeless that there would ever be an end to the bloodshed.

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ADJOJO: Hung archers

Agojo edges Tan, bags Santi Cup crown

ZAMBOANGA—Jarvie Agojo primed up for her defense of the Hong Kong Ladies Amateur Open crown this week by topping the hotly disputed Santi Cup individual crown, closing out with a plucky 1-under par 71 to nip Mindanao Bully Tan in the countback at the Zamboanga Golf Club's home last Friday.

Agojo bucked a bogey on the 16th hole with two topnotch par-puts in the closing holes then watched Tan fish a seven-foot par putt on the final hole to notch for a 72.

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Third Sagunsoc Songcharoen also bagged the final hole for a 73 and a 290 total in the ladies side of the Southeast Asian Amateur Golf Team Championships.

Princess Ingrani, the leader after three rounds, closed with a 75 and seventh finish at 291.

Cora Rodriguez rallied with two birdies in the last four holes to salvage a 76 as Team ICTSI-Philippines settled for second in team play with an 876. Thailand rose with an 870 by matching the final-round 229 of the Filipinos.

Ramos rips decision clearing two Azkals

By Cedrik P. Topas

ASEAN Football Confederation match commissioner Criary Ramos slammed Friday the decision of the Philippine Football Federation Disciplinary Committee that found no basis in the sexual harassment charges she filed against members of the men's national team last March.

In a television interview, Ramos, also a former president of the Philippine Olympic Committee, said she was disappointed and disgusted at the decision that cleared Lorenzo Sibay and Angel Guirado.

But while Guirado and Sibay were cleared, the two players were also handed one-game suspensions as the PFF Disciplinary Committee noted "a breakdown in discipline" when Ramos confronted the pre-match inspection for the Philippines-Malaysia international friendly last March.

Azkals manager Dan Palami has already appealed his two-game suspension for the "failure of leadership" during the time of the incident, but Palami felt relieved that the sexual harassment charge has already been dismissed.

Also handed a two-match ban was Azkals coach Michael Weiss, while skipper James Younghusband was also suspended for one game for the same sanction given to assistant coach Edoal Escamora.

Ramos accused Sibay of sexual harassment, after she felt ridiculed by a comment about her size. Guirado, Ramos claimed, was only sneaking underwear during the inspection.

"It is to the relief of the team and the coverage-starved media with a serious charge has been found to be without foundation but that is no surprise to us," Palami said in a statement Friday.

In the same interview with News 5, Ramos blamed the PFF, saying the verdict showed that the federation tolerates disrespectful behavior. The Disciplinary Committee, PFF president Nonong Araneta said, is an independent body.

The daughter of former president Fidel Ramos also felt that the old match will be the earlier weekend against Iran.

DIMAKILING FALTERS

Armenians stop PH run

WESLEY So (right), sharing a light moment with Oliver Barbosa, struck his 6th undefeated streak against players with the rating of 2700+ or 34 games.

Round 6 Standings
Tied
6 points—Ukraine Olympiu Quinoni, Pamela Lubomir Ganchenko, Vladimir Chuchelov, Ruslan Ponomariov, Ukraine Andrei Volokitin, Serbia Ognjen Cvitan, Slovenia Boris Gelfand, Belarus Vladimir Baklan, Ukraine Sergei Movsesian, Armenia Vladimir Akopian, Armenia Gabriel Sargissian, Armenia Gata Kamsky, Usa Robert Hovhannisian, Armenia Tigran L. Petrosian, Armenia Sergey Fedorchuk, Ukraine Zahar Efimenko, Ukraine Yuriy Kuzubov, Ukraine Sergey Karjakin, Russia Ivan Cheparinov, Peru Ivan Sokolov, Netherlands Pavel Eljanov, Ukraine Anton Korobov, Ukraine Ruslan Scherbakov, Ukraine Alexander Motylev, Russia Evgeny Romanov, Russia Dmitry Jakovenko, Russia Alexander Onischuk, Usa Alexander Moiseenko, Ukraine Vassily Ivanchuk, Ukraine Yuriy Kryvoruchko, Ukraine Evgeny Tomashevsky, Russia Vadim Zvjaginsev, Russia Sergey Volkov, Russia Vladimir Malakhov, Russia Dmitry Andreikin, Russia Alexander Grischuk, Russia Ivan Saric, Bosnia And Herzegovina Peter Svidler, Russia Wesley So, Philippines Oliver Barbosa, Philippines Mikhail Ivanov, Russia Yuriy Shevchenko, Ukraine Gata Kamsky, Usa Evgeny Alekseev, Russia

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By Ray Guevara

ISTANBUL, Turkey—Grandmaster Wesley So forged a draw with world No. 5 GM Levon Aronian in their board 1 tussle, but the Philippines fell short of building mighty Armenia to a standoff and lost, 1.5-2.5, Friday in Round 4 of the 40th Chess Olympiad.

Pitted against the highest rated player here with an Elo of 2816, So (2802) showed his talent, splitting the point with the white pieces after 51 moves of a Ruy Lopez Exchange Variation.

GMs Oliver Barbosa (2554) and Mark Paragua (2580) likewise drew with second opponents Sargsyan Movsesian (2648) and Vladimir Akopian (2687), respectively, on boards 2 and 3, at the Istanbul Expo Center.

But International Master Oliver Dimakiling, trusting to substitute for with black, saw his three-game winning run in board 4 broken in just 25 moves of a Sicilian-Sveshnikov by GM Gabriel Sargissian (2659).

Despite their first loss in the 11-round tournament, however, the Filipinos remained tough for a top 20 finish in the Open division that lured a record 158 countries to the historic metropolis.

The Filipinos, sharing 16th in 26th spot with 6.5 match points, will try to bounce back when they tackle the Icelanders in Board 3 starting at 3 p.m. (8 p.m. in Manila) Saturday.

Asian first GM Eugene Torre (Elo 2649), whose duches was buried in Manila Saturday morning, will finally suit up, facing GM Throstur Thorhallsson (2405) as he takes over board 3 from Paragua.

So will tangle with GM Hannes Stefansson (Elo 2671), Barbosa will collide GM Henrik Danielsen (2586), while Paragua will battle IM Hogni Arngrimsson (2377) when he slides in board 4.

The Filipino women, with standing Janelle Mae Frayna (1991) as the lone, seasoned duch around tonight 3-1 victory at the expense of the Mexicans and also suffered back-to-back setbacks in the Women's division with 6.5 points.

Frayna, a Far Eastern University MS Psychology freshman, who posted the Philippines' highest finish of 32nd in the girls' World Juniors in India last year, falls for win No. 3 when she faces WIM Cecilia Sarenas in board 2.

FWM Catherine Perena meets WGM Melissa Guieb on board 1; Jedara Quenie clashes with WIM Dorsie Pitoh on board 3 while Dr. La Salle mainstay Jan Jocelyn Fronda eyes her third consecutive triumph against National Pole Marcin Wrobel on board 4.

Against Mexico, the 16-year-old Frayna won over FWM Lorena Alejandra Mendoza Velazquez; Perena beat FWM Carolina Sinal Barrera; and Fronda bested Inner Sanal Roque Flores.

So, who stretched his undefeated record against 2700+ opponents to 34 matches, notched 2 points from 3 games. one of only six players ever to breach the 2800 barrier, is an interview after the fifth round.

ONE FC: Kelly stops Pulver; Folayang wins

By Cedrik P. Topas

BEFORE a wild, adoring throng, Filipino fighter Eric Kelly produced a tremendous display of power that left his victim laughing pointers and calling him as "the next Manny Pacquiao of Mixed Martial Arts."

The former star driver and stunt man from Bacoor, Cavite of MMA legend Jerry Pulver of the United States in the second round after a flurry of punches and kicks Saturday night, sending the fanatic Araneta Coliseum crowd into delirium.

"He's the next Manny Pacquiao of MMA," the 27-year-old Pulver, a former Ultimate Fighting Championship lightweight champion, said of his 95-pound foe, who extended his MMA winning streak to eight fights.

The end came with 1:02 remaining in the second when Kelly, who is based in Malaysia, unleashed a barrage of haymakers, leaving the American dazed and forcing the referee to stop the bout.

"He's just fast and strong," added Pulver.

Kelly later downplayed the comparisons saying he still had plenty of work to do to come close to what the Filipino boxing sensation has accomplished.

The statement drew a loud response that reverberated through the nearly full arena where another Filipino, Eduard Folayang, showcased a relentless display to score a unanimous decision win over Ivanov Japanese Felipe Enomoto.

Folayang, a wrestler expert, consistently tagged Enomoto with stinging punch-kick combinations.

Ohtsuru Fernando dominated Genaro Valcinti of Australia in the main event that finished around 1:30 a.m. yesterday.

Three brothers from the famed Gracie clan went 2-1 for the night with Gregor Gracie winning via an armbar over Australian Nicholas Wentz and Rolles Gracie snapping Tony Rosello of Australia with a rear-naked choke in the third round.

Dad Igor Gracie lost to a Jeremy Jung Hwan Cha, who beat Gracie with his one ground and pound style, ending the fight at the 3:37 mark of the third.

Another Filipino, Kevin Belingon yielded a unanimous decision to Xiao Chunlong of South Korea.

Phil Garner put a quick end to Rodrigo Beltran's night with a barrage of punches, prompting the referee to stop the fight a minute into the match.

In the most eagerly anticipated fight of the night, the fourth showdown between rival Jeremyjohn Andrei Arlowski and Tim Sylvia ended in a no-contest.

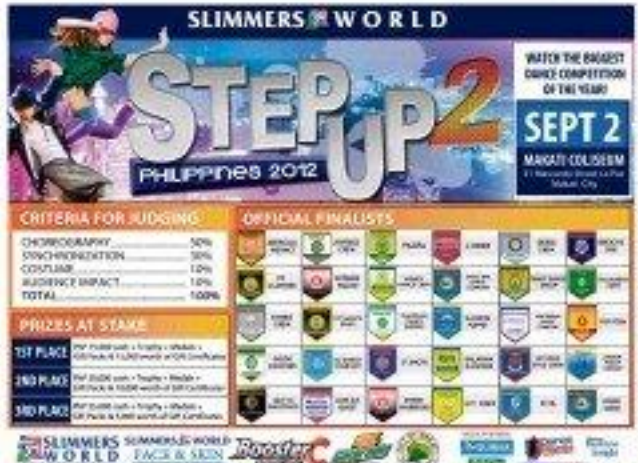
Arlowski unleashed a couple of soccer kicks on Sylvia's face. But ONE FC rules however state that the referee needs to make a good call for an open attack, drawing the unlike school.

PH karters grab front row

THE PHILIPPINES took forward to another dominating test on Peter C Racing's Mike and Graham Rivera and TWG Daniel Kid Flynn Jacket claimed the pole positions in today's Pre-Final heat of the 2012 Asian Karting Open Championship today at the Lemmon Racetrack.

Mike Rivera took the No. 1 spot in the pre-final heat in Senior Max 125 while Gabriel Cedric Rivera and Jacket claimed the pole in the Formula 125 Open Junior and Max 125 divisions after the consolidated qualifying tests yesterday in the event sanctioned by the Automobile Association Philippines.

The best karters from Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Hongkong, Thailand and Malaysia to dispute the titles in the three international classes, and bagging the best seats, meanwhile Filipinos also felt that the old match will be the earlier weekend against Iran.



STUART MacDonald (center) leads the podium finishers along with (from left) Sean Redpath and Alvin Ng.

MacDonald rules TRS Cup

STUART MacDonald and Sean Redpath stole the limelight in the 2012 TRS Cup, which served as the highlight of the TRS Raceday Round 4 held off the 2.2 circuit at Batangas Racing Circuit.

MacDonald staged a big comeback in the detail-racing scene after a long-year hiatus and prevailed in the Expert Division of Race 1 and 2 while Redpath bagged his consecutive win in Race 3.

Also grabbing their wins in the huge field were 3rd year's runner-up Charlie Cojuangco, 10-year-old Randi Escalante of Standard Insurance Car Pro and Alvin Ng.

For details, e-mail TRS at events@tuasonracing.com or visit www.tuasonracing.com. At the Tuason Racing Schools Facebook.

VARSITY GOLF

Assumption grabs lead

ASSUMPTION's preparation for the defense of La Salle Zobel's top guns to take a hefty 30-point lead in the Girls 7-team category over arch-rivals Assumption at the School of the Holy Spirit course's hole-in-one on 'ice' way to sweeping the individual lead at the resumption of the CESAFI Interscholastic golf tournament at the Valley North course in Alabang.

Samantha Bruce tallied 42 and Andrea Pineda added 38 for Assumption's 81-count total to the day and a two-round score of 156, pushing their point 54 La Salle Zobel, which couldn't only amass 45 as world junior golf champ and first round top-scorer Bettina Ohnsorge did not play.

Ohnsorge and the 13 chicks of the Valley North course to highlight her output of 41 and, with an 88 total, cruised up on Pineda.

The tournament is hosted by CESAFI and supported by Team Subic Bay in the four-month series organized by the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines overseen today with the juniors action at Aguinaldo and the collegiate high school girls at Ayala (Greenhills).

Only Mercado to miss Fiba Asia Cup

MAS PRESIDENT Aquino serves when he threatened to write a letter to PBA ballclubs to make their players available for the national team?

If he says, then a number of clubs should expect communication coming from the Office of the President soon.

IN HUDDLE

Bert Calixto

Above half of the teams in the league had earlier balked on sending the PBA allies of their teams to lend their players to Gilas.

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To be honest, so of this writing, I'm still not clear on the process that was supposed to be followed, if there was one, in the formation of Smart Gilas.

Was Smart Gilas head coach Chot Reyes supposed to request the PBA Commissioner's office for the players he wanted for the forthcoming Fiba Asia Cup in Japan, with Chot Commissioner Chito Salud in turn striking each team for the players requested?

This way a senior colleague explained it to me, the clubs may be expected to submit a sort of conforme letter to the PBA office, since "the teams must be aware of the players Chot wants," he said.

"The names are always in the papers."

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Saturday afternoon I touched base with statistician Salud for some enlightenment. Did Chot ask for specific players? Was there a process?

The commissioner's reply: "Yes, Chot did have a list of 16 at first. Then the board said he could have a pool of 20. Then after Chot and I talked, I even assured asking the players to sign a commitment letter."

I stopped to mull what the commissioner said, trying to read between the lines. Perhaps there was no need to have a letter of commitment signed; perhaps, the commissioner-to-commissioner assurance, with the PBA Commissioner's office, ensuring schedule and permit cooperation from allteams.

Minutes after my talk with Salud, I got a call from PBA media liaison head Willie Marcial who assured me that all the players who participated in the Jones Cup, except for Asi Taulava, will be able to play in the Fiba Asia Cup this September in Japan.

"Asi was disqualified because of a technicality," he said.

Willie also explained that Chot invited a formal commitment from the players, before proceeding to the next step, which is to secure the approval of the teams.

"Chot wants to make sure the national players are willing to undergo the demands of training for two teams. During the training period for the national team, they may not even have time for their families," he said.

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Not everybody in the PBA management board the President's offer to write "importunate" teams a letter.

According to a member of the group, one of the officials was asked by the President if he could do anything to help the national team. The official told him that one of their biggest problems was that some of the PBA ballclubs would not allow their players to render service to flag and country.

"I will write them a letter Sandhilon [to me Sandhi, hmm, thank you for being Gmt nationalistic," the President was quoted as saying. I don't know if those were his exact words. He could have been just joking. The President, I mean.

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"The issues by the NCAA-Ateneo transfer are already causing greater trouble," reports Bert Hilario of ABS-CBN.

The oldest collegiate league in the country opposed a deal with TV5 to air the games on HDTV on IBC starting this school year.

Based on the ratings released by Nielsen, NCAA fans logging in ratings watching by household points compared to the UAAP on Kings Studio. The average number of viewers reached 129,000 viewers against the 70,000 average of the UAAP on Studio 23," he said.

"Two games registered high numbers as well in the National Urban Television Audience Measurement. The rights fought much between Sen Bello and Perpetual registered the highest number of viewers with 334,000. The opening day game between Ateneo and San Sebastian placed second with 267,000 watching Kevin Ahlo scored 20 points to lead the Eagles."

PURPLE'S Mia Bruto (No. 5) controls a foul while trying to stop Ateneo Pogoy's Emilio Aguinaldo. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NCAA: Lions down Knights, keep top spot

By Cedell P. Tupas

SAN BEDA notched a fourth straight win while putting a close on Lyceum's Final Four hopes with a 68-62 triumph last night in the 88th NCAA basketball tournament at Filoil Flying V Arena in San Juan.

With guards Bauer Aznar and Arjo Canete delivering the big plays early in the final period, the Lions built enough cushion to weather the Knights' last-ditch assault and keep the win-hard with their 10th win in 12 outings.

Aznar finished with 11 points and six assists, while Canete knocked in eight points, including a jumper with 4:32 remaining that boosted the Lions, 60-52.

"All the teams have been improving in the second round and its important that we keep our eyes on top," said Jose Mella coach Nomie Magsalos.

Playing with a sense of urgency, Magsaysay survived Arellano defeatable College, 86-55, to secure a two-game slide and stay in the thick of the fight for a Final Four berth.

The Cardinals got an unexpected lift from Mark Bonita while drawing an all-around performance from Jonas Nieves as they squared over the Generals, who struggled to find their rhythm.

"I've been waiting for this kind of performance from the team," said Magsaysay coach Oliver Manalaysay, after the Cardinals moved up to solo sixth with a 5-7 card. "We knew the potential is going this way but we've had problems with chemistry."

The scores:

First Game

MAPUA (68) - Bonita 18, Ignacio 12, G. Reyes 10, Pacate 10, Nieves 9, Soliman 6, Mallari 2, Tuazon 0, Magalong 0, Cortes 0, Gomez 0, Manalo 0, Bautista 0

EAC (62) - Canete 18, King 11, Aznar 11, Pagala 5, Manuzon 4, Cruz 0, Bhattacharyya 0, Pilar 0, Jumao-as 0, Tayambang 0, Sudaria 0, Sarmiento 0, Ostrea 0

Quarters: 17-13, 43-30, 60-52, 68-62

Second Game

SAN BEDA (68) - Dela Cruz 19, Salenga 12, Dela Rosa 11, Arao 11, Cawi 8, Ilustre 4, Pascual 3, J. Manuel 2, Villena 2, Alegre 0, Lee 0, Ladrera 0

LPU (62) - Alapag 16, Ayo 14, Jay-ar 11, Lorca 10, Jo Ann 6, Lutz 5, Nonoan 0, Bolano 0, Libanan 0, Salamanca 0

Quarters: 17-21, 41-32, 51-41, 68-62

Sandugo stakes perfect V-L card

By Jasmine W. Payo

SANDUGO-San Sebastian pairs its perfect run on the line against defending champion Army in the Shakey's V-League Open tonight at Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

Still unbeaten in six games, San Sebastian takes on an Army side focused on avenging its first-round loss in the Open's doubleheader.

"We really prepared for Sandugo in the second round," said Army coach Rico de Guzman. "We have to win by four sets to get the No. 1 spot."

Cagayan Valley, running third (4-2) behind Army (5-1), battles Philippine Navy at 2 p.m., while Generika-Ayala squares off for the solo last San Sebastian University at 4 o'clock.

On Friday night, the Lady Stompers swept Cagayan Valley, 25-16, 25-23, 25-18, 25-22, behind Thai imports Usanee Kanlag and Jeng Penalo.

The Think, who combined for 29 points against the Lady Eagles, also claimed in the Lady Stags' thrilling four-set escape, 25-16, 17-25, 27-25, 25-18, 15-10, over the Lady Troopers in the first round.

"I think our schedule is improving," said Sandugo coach Roger Gonzaga.

The Lady Stompers, though, hope to duplicate their remarkable campaign against the Lady Indians last Friday, where they staged a huge thirteen comeback for a 25-20, 25-11, 25-23 triumph.

"We have to work on the communication between our setter and other players," said De Guzman.

All set for NCA 6-stag derby

THE 6-STAG derby element of the National Cockers Alliance (NCA) will start on Sept. 11 at Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig City.

The circuit will be hosted and sanctioned by the country's top breeders.

The Saga 11 opening derby will be hosted by Gov. Bo Ylanan, Irene Medina, Ernesto Acuña, Hosea Medillin, the Firefly Group, Ralph Dungo, and Robert Uy.

Entries must have a minimum weight of 1.7 kilograms and a maximum weight of 2.2 kg.

Only entries and handled by the MSBM, GF, MGSM, SGSM, BBC, PAGBA, BGBA, CSBA and LCBA will be allowed to fight.

The next derby will be on Sept. 16 to be hosted by top cockers Manny and Arman Santos, Edu dela Rosa, Barchay Olario and Eli Federizo Jr.

The third derby on the calendar will be on Sept. 25. It will be hosted by Mayor Eloi Keyden, Tommy Chua, Ouang dela Cruz, Bayet Jones, the Batangas Group, Jon Ilustre and Ray Tembo.

Another derby is slated on Oct. 2 with Gerry Ramos, Hendi Ancheta and Ethen Conlon as hosts.

TRS eyes strong finish

5-K, 10K—2:00 PHS. Racing Kids Team plunges into another round of racing activities in the third round of the 2012 Asian Open Karting Championship series at the Clarkona Racetrack.

Ni Aunzie Pierre Jarlen and AJ Tanson look forward to contending in their respective classes as they will be joined by Alex Gonzales in leading TRS Colored Racing Kids Team.

The 6-year-old Jarlen ranks 2nd overall in his field of rookie hardcore in the AKOC Mini ROK class. He currently has 68 points.

The 12-year-old Tanson will compete in the Formula Gold Super Heavy Category also seeks to capture his fifth place finish in last AKOC race.

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FREE SINGLET

Paguntan II behind; Que makes cut

TAMBOBONG, Japan—Fledgling Asian Tour champion Juvic Paguntan shot a 1-under par 70 Saturday and trailed new leader Prayad Marksaeng by eight strokes after three rounds of the Japan Golf Tour's Fukuoka Classic.

Meanwhile, Angelo Que carded a second straight 71 Friday and made it to the weekend play of the $2.5-million Shinsegi Kentaro Masters in Sendai-gun, Jutaro Sankei of France showed the way with a 132 (69-63) total.

Sunday SPORTS

Roddick stretches retirement parade

NEW YORK—Andy Roddick served notice he will not go gently into retirement, blasting into the third round of the US Open on Friday by dispatching Australian Bernard Tomic, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, in only 97 minutes.

Roddick, the 2003 US Open champion, took the court at Arthur Ashe Stadium to loud cheers from supporters a day after announcing this would be the last event of his career. The rivals said he would have a least one more match to play.

AFP

Elijah Buenafe of Ateneo (No. 12) tries to sneak past the La Salle double-team of Jorey Teng (No. 21) and Jamil Hamilton.

Buenafe shines as Eagles repeat over Archers

By Jeannine W. Paye

ELIJAH Buenafe pumped in a career-high 24 points to power Ateneo past arch rival La Salle, 77-67, and keep the Eagles on top in the UAAP men's basketball tournament yesterday at Smart Araneta Coliseum.

"I was already fired up to play in the last game, so I made sure to control myself this time," said Buenafe, who was ejected in his last outing against Far Eastern University for fighting as no-nonsense calls plagued the first quarter.

Kiefer Ravena also shone with 18 points, seven rebounds and four assists, while Nico Salva hauled seven of his 12 points in the final quarter of the Blue-Gold tenure game that drew a 17,000-strong crowd.

"The focus of this game today was to reestablish the fact that we are a good defensive team," said coach Norman Black after the Eagles hiked their record to 9-1, just a win away from formally securing a Final Four berth. "In addition to that, we got a big lift from our players. In the case of Elijah, he really stepped up offensively for us."

Earlier, University of Santo Tomas overcame a scoring outburst from an adamant rookie Aaron Cruz to forge an 85-75 victory that gave the Tigers undisputed at 9-2.

Jorey Teng dropped 22 points, including four straights inside the final two minutes that pushed the Tigers for good at 69-77 after trailing at 75-76 as Cruz

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exploded for 33 points, 15 from beyond the arc.

Bumals cracked the 20-point mark for the first time this season after scoring 23 points in Game 2 of the 2010 title series when he bagged the Finals MVP.

"Other teams kept double-teaming Greg (Slaughter) using the rules guarding the small forward," said Black. "With Bjax out there, it makes it more difficult for them to do that because he's an offensive threat."

By halftime, Bumals already shot 11 after just averaging only 4.6 points, including seven-rebounder 7-of-7 free throws from three-point range, in his first nine games.

Jerom Teng fired 22 markers to pace the Archers, who fell to a share of fourth with rifle National University at 6-4.

An early shooting spree that saw the Eagles drilling three straight triples—two coming from Buenafe—propped the defending champions up by 16 points, 26-10, by the end of the first quarter.

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PBA press corps awards slated

THE PBA Press Corps, an organization made up of reporters covering the pro league, will hold its 18th Annual Awards on Sept. 13 in Kamuning Bilis.

Highlight of the program will be the awarding of the Coach of the Year and Executive of the Year citations, trophies named after PBA luminaries Virgilio "Baby" Tolentino and the late Crispa boss man Danny Floro, respectively.

The group will also hand out its first time the Scoring Champ award, which will be given to United Pent's Gary David for his outstanding offensive season with defunct Powerade that made him an MVP contender and member of the Smart Gilas Pilipinas program.

The affair starts at 7 p.m. and PBAPC president Manong R. Castillo of the Inquirer is calling on all past presidents, members and PBA personalities to attend.

Other awards are Defensive Player of the Year, the Comeback Player of the Year and the Mr. Quality Minutes trophy.

'Dengue' run up

THE MANILA Sports Council, in cooperation with Subterranean Ideas, is staging the 2012 Run Against Dengue, presented by Herbiva, an advocacy run at the Roxas Blvd. in Manila on Sept. 23.

The advocacy run aims to demonstrate the power of collaborative efforts, using sports as one of the main tools, to provide information campaign about the danger of dengue and conduct activities to fight the epidemic.

Registration is now ongoing at the Mauve of Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila, Ultra City Mall, Landing at Roxy's branches at the SM Mall of Asia, SM Manila and SM San Lazaro. Begins on Sept. 1. Interested participants may call Subterranean Ideas at 554-0000, 0916-2360071, 0905-5023137 or 0929-2616928.

Part of the proceeds from the 2012 Run Against Dengue shall be used for the purchase of various anti-dengue modalities.

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4 MPD cops in hot water

Pasig trader, GF, sis cry kidnap-extortion

By Nancy C. Carvajal

FOUR Manila police officers are facing charges for allegedly kidnapping and extorting money from a businessman, his girlfriend and his sister in Barangay Bambang, Pasig City, last month.

PO2 Lubien M. Gutierrez and PO1s Anthony Fernandez, Hesiel Levin Angelo Herrera and Wilbert Casco, all assigned at the Sta. Mesa station, "had stopped scurrying for work" since their alleged victims came out to lodge complaints, according to an official of the Manila Police District.

In a statement to the police, businessman Noel Hernandez said he and his girlfriend Divine Lopez had just arrived at his house on a motorcycle and was parking it outside when three of the four policemen arrived in two vehicles at around 4 p.m. on Aug. 24.

Hernandez, who got out of a black Honda, allegedly called

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Cops check 'theft' of British MP's purse in QC hotel

A VISITING member of the British parliament reported the loss of her purse and credit cards in a hotel room in Quezon City.

Helen Grant, 50, discovered the alleged theft Friday afternoon upon returning to her room at Solo Orientel Hotel on Matalino Street, Barangay Central.

Case investigator SPO2 Ariel Fidencio of the Kamuning police substation said he had several of these hotel employees for questioning, the identified them as Glenser Bigan, Genesis Corbeta and Noriel Pangan Dela.

Station commander Supt. Marcelino Pedroso identified that they were not yet being considered suspects.

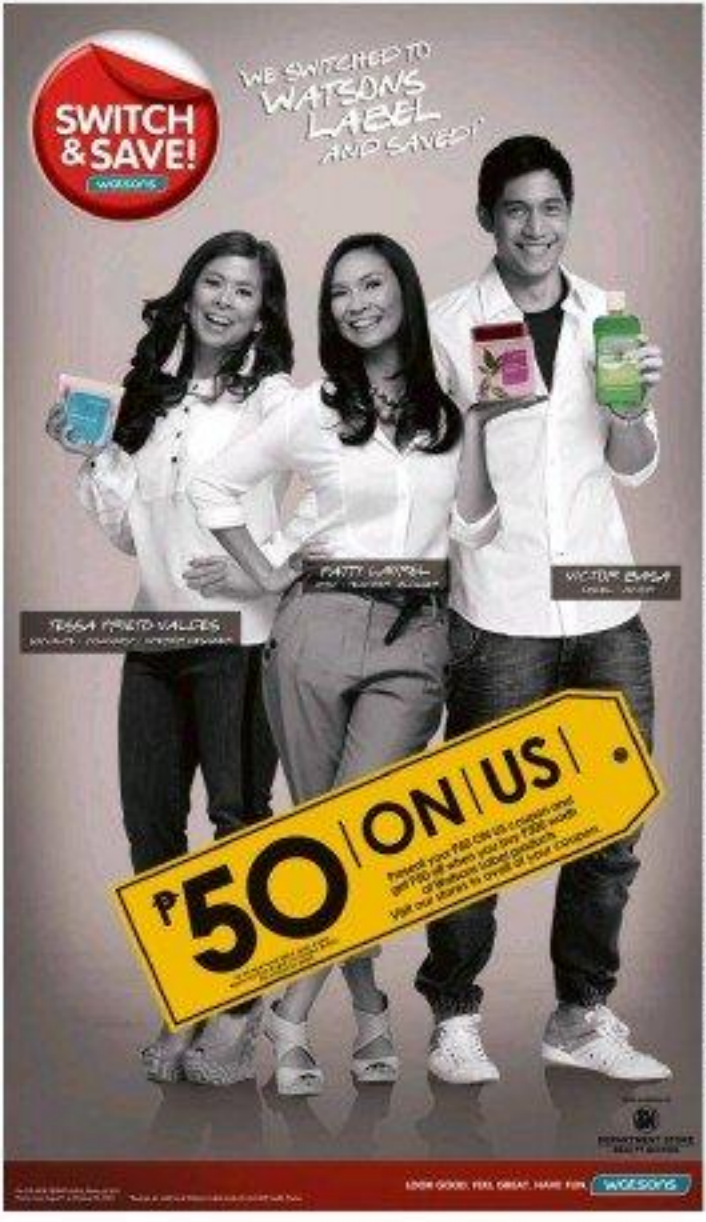
In her report to the police, Grant said she lost her black purse containing two credit cards and cash amounting to 113 euros and 300 British pounds.

The parliamentarian was staying at Room 32. She was in Manila with other European lawmakers for a study tour organized by the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development.

They were to visit selfies poor communities in Pasay, Manila, as part of the tour being hosted by the Philippine Legislators Committee on Population and Development, a group supporting the reproductive health bill.

Grants recalled that she left her purse in the room's safety deposit box before she left at 9:45 a.m. Friday for some appointments.

Upon her return at 4 p.m. that day, the legislator said, the purse was no longer on top of the table where she left it. Julie BC Aurelio



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Manila to host tallest building in PH–Lim

MANILA wants to catch up in the race for the highest and brightest skyline.

Mayor Alfredo Lim yesterday said the city will soon host the tallest building in the country with the construction of a 100-story structure in the Manila Bay South Harbor as part of its revival as a business and commercial center.

Lim said a foreign-based group of investors led by Taichung Metropolitan City International Adviser Rev. Dr. Jesse Dan Cu and Easy Led Corp. Phil. president Miss Sonny Yuson will undertake the project.

In a statement, he said some $4 billion will go into the development of a "global hub" in Manila that will rival those situated with glittering business and amusement centers 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

It is expected to generate some 15,000 jobs starting with its construction, with the towering building soaring in financial crown. "It's will be the highest in the country that will be built at no cost to the national and local governments."

A 72-story 302-meter high-condominium in Makati City is currently considered the highest building in the country.

Saturday's announcement marked the first time Lim spoke with more detail about the envisioned South Harbor Expanded Port Zone (SHEPZ), which will cover around 50 hectares stretching from Dolyan Bridge to the Manila Yacht Club.

In February, the city government and the Philippine Ports Authority formed a committee to discuss huge-scale developments under the project.

Among the priority sites for development are the areas along A. Bonifacio Drive in the north, reclamation area, according to PPA Genera Manager Jose Aga. Also in a prominent class zoned by City Hall.

Lim said the SHEPZ project would help Manila "reclaim its stature as the country's financial capital," a distinction that has been held for decades by Makati. Aimee C. Carvajal

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him and then dragged him and his girlfriend into the car. He then took the keys to Reyshan's residence and entered the house.

Interviews and Dalmeda, who arrived in a Mitsubishi Adventure, Richard Fernandez in the house, where they also put Thel's sister Lea Reyshap in handcuffs and took her wallet and cellphone.

The businessmen said the four intercepted Dumalaya in policewalk based in Camp Crame but brought him and the two women to the Sta. Mesa station.

Remember then threatened to charge them with possession of illegal drugs if they don't cough up P200,000, he alleged.

Cinco later arrived at the station accompanied by a woman who said Cinco would "help" them, but Cinco instead raised the demand to P250,000, the complaint said.

Reyshap and they were able to negotiate for a lower amount—P70,000—for their release. Dalmeda received P55,000 at the station, while the balance of P60,000 was later given to Cinco at the complainant's house.

In an interview on Friday, CIDG James Ritz of the MPD general assignment center said the four policemen had been ordered to report to headquarters regarding the complaint but were not to show up.

"Relinquishing charges will be filed against these policemen, who I gathered had stopped reporting for work," Ritz told the Inquirer.

Ritz said the policemen used a messenger to submit a joint explanation on Thursday signed by Chief Insp. Alexander Brian de Jesus, officer in charge of the Sta. Mesa station, regarding some arrests they made in Pasig.

However, "there were no records appearing on the blotter of Station 6 (Sta. Ana) about the turnover of the accused persons," Ritz added.

Ritz also learned that the names which appeared on the arrest warrants that were supposedly served by the four policemen were not those of the Reyshap siblings and Lapuz.

MMDA's 'bullied' blue boys: All in a day's work

By Jaime B. Agravante

TRAFFIC CONSTABLES: Imposing order on Metro Manila's mean streets. INQUIRER PHOTO

HE WAS not the first and surely won't be the last. Sebastino Pelino also is YouTube fame last month for standing up to a Mitsubishi Adventure bully for two solid minutes in a long list of traffic victims who had been taunted or assaulted while trying to impose order on the most unruly of Metro Manila.

In February this year, Raul Banatoco was mauled by armed civilians whom he'd apprehended for driving a colorum vehicle (specifically, a Toyota Hilux) along Quezon Avenue in Quezon City. In 2007, Larry Viola was shot three times in San Juan while chasing a violator of the number coding scheme.

They're no saints, no robots, and they have their own share of bad eggs in their ranks. But the "blue boys" (and girls) of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) perform one of the most hazardous jobs in the government.

They are trained to show people decorum in apprehending traffic violators, but there are no black-and-white rules to guide them when dealing with baffling and so-called unthinkables, according to Traffic Operations Chief of the MMDA Francisco Nathaniel Tiu Laurel's Facebook page.

"That's one of the difficult parts of the job. You don't really know who you're facing. You wouldn't know if (the motorist) has a gun or what," Pajarito said. "If he's armed, would you still try to book him?"

He said trouble usually starts when the motorist starts bold: "Hindi mo ba ko kilala? (Don't you know who you're dealing with?)."

The MMDA does not issue firearms to traffic aides, though Duremdes conceded that some officers may be keeping guns in their private capacity. The blue boys used to wield nightsticks and carry tear gas containers in the past. Yet, for reports of rampant abuses, he's not sure these should be returned to their moral disarming.

Before they are deployed, they undergo a series of seminars and train at the agency's Traffic Academy in Sta. Mesa, Manila. A high school graduate can take the civilian equivalent of Traffic Constable 1 by completing a 45-day seminar. Other seminars touch a range of skills that include basic self-defense.

Still, there is no textbook procedure for dealing with awkward or potentially dangerous situations. "Sometimes, the violators are politicians or public officials. How would an enforcer know especially if these officials are not in uniform?"

Traffic Operations Officer 2 Nestor Bautista summarized how a motorist she apprehended in 2007 for driving a colorum vehicle brandished a gun to scare her. The motorist turned out to be a policeman in civilian clothes; at the sight of the gun, she was forced to withdraw.

'Son of politician'

Tiu Oliver Bautista, rated bullies come in many varieties, the most typical being those who claim to be "the son of this or that politician, sir." He admitted that he usually let these arrogant violators go, thinking they would eventually "meet their match."

Not "reckless," Bautista said, he tries to express such cranky encounters on video with his cell phone camera.

Some motorists, after being forced to surrender their licenses, retaliate by filing counter-complaints.

Chief Bendor, who manned the streets for 11 years and is now posted at the MMDA Command Center, said he once flagged down a female driver who feigned ignorance of the number coding scheme.

The woman later questioned the citation and filed a complaint in the MMDA, forcing Bendor to spend extra for transportation just to attend the hearings beyond the work hours. The complaint did not prosper.

"Some motorists have this mentality. 'If you wanted my time, then I'll use mine more,'" Tiu Oliver said of additional burden to an MMDA enforcer who has worked all day on the street." Parreño said.

Bendor, one cyclist not really blame some traffic violators when they show some leniency. Sometimes they really just let a violator go to avoid going through all that trouble," he said.

Monthly pay

Rising from the ranks may be hard for traffic aides without advanced schooling or scholarship. Without passing the civil service exams, one could remain a Constable 1 despite long years of service, receiving only about P10,000 a month.

A Constable 2 gets around P12,000, Constable 3 P13,000, Traffic Operations Officer 1, P20,000; and Officer 2, P25,000, according to Duremdes.

The MMDA offers a P5,000 hazard allowance per traffic aide, looking smart and tough is rewarded. Pajarito said he's got more aggressive when they see that they are dealing with a timid, laughy-faced enforcer.

Bendor conceded that sometimes tend to look down on his line of work. Some in his life, he said, are trying to finish their MMDA at age 26. A mechanical engineering graduate of Manuel L. Quezon University, Bendor said he took the government job after two years of being a restaurant waiter in the private sector.

He said he didn't take much pride in his work at first, but later realized the importance of what he and his peers do to addressing Metro Manila's perennial traffic jams.

He has practically memorized all the traffic regulations, but knows that such mastery is not enough.

Back when he was still assigned in the field, he said, "I was never afraid to apprehend congressmen or lawyers. I told myself to the principle: respect the law and the law." This makes me confident about my job in this duty."

Sun Cellular leads Prepaid Market with best Year-on-Year Performance

Sun Cellular leads the prepaid market with industry-best growth in the mobile-browser segment in the first half of this year with a 15% increase in the number of prepaid mobile-browser subscribers. Sun Cellular's growth is attributed to its expansion of its segment-specific offerings, network quality, handset choices, and value-added features such as internet bolt-ons and affordable data.

Sun Cellular spokesman Chris Gonzalez said subscribers are looking for more than just low prices in their service providers.

"We are confident that our customers continue to appreciate our value proposition of products and services. We continue to enhance our products offerings such as adding Smart and Globe subscribers to our unlimited Facebook, Twitter, and chat bundles, and we also launched Sun Cellular's Love Promo for Valentine's Day," Gonzalez said.

Sun Cellular launched its Unlimited Chat and Surf promo for Smart and Globe subscribers last February 14. For only P99 per day, subscribers can surf the internet and chat with their friends on Facebook, Twitter, and other chat applications for 24 hours. Currently, Sun also offers Unlimited Chat and Surf for Talk 'N Text subscribers for only 1pm, for other networks, and only 10 Sun Smart and Talk 'N Text users for P99/day.

Sun Cellular said that the launch of new prepaid offerings and promotions was in response to the positive response from subscribers over the unlimited chat and surf promos. The company also said that it will continue to launch more value-added products and services that will help subscribers save on their mobile budgets and enhance their mobile experience.

Sun Cellular is the only telco that offers a complete range of mobile services, from prepaid to postpaid, and from basic voice and text to mobile broadband. Sun Cellular is the fastest growing telco in the country, with over 5 million subscribers.

The Happy Filipino makes traveling to the Philippines more fun

Filipinos are known to be among the happiest people in the world, and anybody who has been to the Philippines will attest that the Pinoys' contagious ability to face anything with a happy and positive outlook truly is what sets them apart from the rest of the world. When it comes to answering distinctly Pinoy questions and celebrations and to showcasing the best of what the country has to offer, the insightful and humorous videos of YouTube sensation Bogart the Explorer always hit the spot.

In his latest video, Bogart tours his new friend Kuya Jun, a Filipino tourist on his first visit to the Philippines around the country. Along the way, the Davao-based comedian encounters several very Pinoy sights and sees a few of the country's favorite tourist attractions, like the Chocolate Hills, Tarsier, Banaue Rice Terraces, and Boracay. Of course, Bogart also takes Jun to see some of the country's lesser-known but equally beautiful destinations, like Siargao and Camiguin.

Jun's tour of the Philippines is filled with fun moments and hilarious misadventures, but it's also filled with genuine heartwarming moments as Jun reconnects with his family and friends and discovers the true meaning of "Filipino hospitality."

"Bogart's videos are a great way to showcase the Philippines to the rest of the world. Through his videos, he's able to highlight the best of what the country has to offer, the magnificent and numerous natural wonders that make the Philippines truly unique, and the warmth and hospitality of the Filipino people," says Bogart.

Bogart has the diversity of the country's natural resources and its often-cited world-class hospitality and happy disposition down to a science.

The WORLD

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Putin calls for 'leap forward' Stalin style

NOVO-OGARYOVO, Russia—Russia needs a "leap forward" to rejuvenate its sprawling defense industry, President Vladimir Putin said on Friday, harkening back to the ambitious industrialization carried out by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin in the runup to World War II.

"We should carry out the same powerful, all-embracing leap forward in modernization of the defense industry as the one carried out in the 1930s," Putin told his Security Council, without mentioning Stalin by name.

Stalin, who ruled the Soviet empire with an iron fist for 27 years, is blamed for the death of about six million people but also is praised by many Russians for winning the war and industrializing the country.

Putin made renewed industrialization a priority during his third term in the Kremlin which started in May amid the largest protests of his 12-year rule. He conceded that the defense industry, once the heart of the Soviet economy, was in crisis.

"Unfortunately, many of our enterprises are technologically stuck in the previous century," Putin said, complaining about poor discipline at plants working on state defense orders.

In the 1930s Soviet leaders transformed a rural country devastated by civil war into an industrial superpower, using terror and repression to impose strict discipline at new plants built across the vast country.

Putin's top defense industry official Dmitry Rogozin posted on his Facebook page a copy of a 1940 letter from Stalin to gun factory managers and accompanied it with a sarcastic warning: "Scale methods of improving discipline also exist."

Stalin's letter to the managers said: "I give you two or three days to launch mass production of machine-gun cartridges, if production does not start on time, the government will take zero control of the plant and shoot all the morals there."

"Of course, it was a joke," Rogozin told reporters regarding his posting but added that failures would not be tolerated.

"Our satellites are falling, our ships are sinking, we had seven space failures in the last 18 months but not a single plane felt the consequences," he said after the council session.

"The culprits should come on stage. The country should know them." Reuters

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China dissident in Yahoo case freed after 10 years

SHANGHAI—The Chinese dissident who served 10 years after being convicted of state subversion on evidence provided by the US Internet giant Yahoo is under sharp restrictions, his wife said on Friday, after he was released and returned home. The dissident, Wang Xiaoning, 53, was released from the Beijing No. 2 prison. Just after 2 a.m., he was taken to a local police station and told that he was not to speak the news media, not to participate in any protests or demonstrations, and not to give any speeches, and that he would be closely monitored," said his wife, Yu Ling, in a telephone interview. "This was not a condition of his release, but he was told to follow these rules," she said. Wang, a former engineer, distributed pro-democracy writings using e-mail and Yahoo forums, often anonymously. He was detained on Sept. 1, 2002, and later convicted of "inciting subversion of state power" using information the Chinese author Shi Tao received from Yahoo. Around the same time, Shi Tao, a Chinese journalist, was convicted of providing state secrets to overseas entities after based on evidence provided by Yahoo's subsidiary in Hong Kong. He is still in prison. NYTINT

German thalidomide firm 'very sorry' 50 years on

LONDON—The German firm that made thalidomide has issued its first apology in 50 years to the thousands born disabled as a result of the drug's use, drawing stinging criticism from advocates for some survivors. Grunenthal's chief executive Harald Stock said in a speech on Friday his firm was "very sorry" for its silence toward the victims of the drug, which was sold to pregnant women to cure morning sickness in the 1950s and early 1960s. An estimated 10,000 children worldwide were born with defects—including missing limbs—after their mothers took thalidomide, which was sold in nearly 50 countries before being pulled from the market in 1961. AFP

1st human death reported from new pig flu strain

THE FIRST human death from a new strain of pig flu was reported on Friday by state health officials in Ohio. Federal health officials confirmed the death of a 61-year-old Ohio woman and said 11 other victims had been hospitalized by the new strain. Also, in a shift, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conceded that there had been "limited person-to-person spread of this virus." As recently as three weeks ago, the agency insisted that all known cases had been caused by contact with pigs. The new strain is known as H3N2v. The "v" is for "variant." That fact, it has proved no more deadly than seasonal flu and can be suppressed by Tamiflu and Relenza, the most common flu drugs. NYTINT

Double suicide attack kills 12 in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan—Two suicide attackers, one driving a fuel tanker, blew themselves up near a US base in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing at least 12 people, officials said. The attack was aimed downhill from the town of Sayed Abad in Wardak province, about 70 km from Kabul, carried as a reminder that even after a decade of fighting, tens of thousands of US and foreign troops are still engaged in a war that shows no sign of slowing down despite the start of a withdrawal of coalition forces. AP

'Troubling ineptitude' at US nuke bomb plant

HARRISTON—Guards at a US government plant for storing weapons-grade uranium failed to spot activists, including an 82-year-old nun, who cut through to fences and they walked up to an officer's car and surrendered, an official report said on Friday.

The report from the Energy Department's inspector general, Gregory Friedman, exhibited multiple failures of sophisticated security systems and "troubling displays of inexplicable" at the Y-12 facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in July.

Three antinuclear activists, including an 82-year-old nun, were not initially spotted or detained as they cut through three perimeter fences on July 28.

They painted slogans and drew what they said was human blood on the outer wall of a building where highly enriched uranium, a key component of nuclear bombs, is stored.

The building they vandalized was built after the Sept. 11, 2001 al-Qaeda attacks on New York and Washington and had been previously touted as "the Fort Knox of uranium" by a senior government official because of its security features.

The facility holds the largest inventories of nuclear material in the world, said Robert Alvarez of the Institute for Policy studies, who was a senior Energy Department official in the 1990s and is an expert on the US nuclear weapons program.

"It should be one of the most well-protected facilities in the United States for that reason," said Alvarez, who said the breach in security was unprecedented.

"This is the kind of lapse that one would expect heads to roll," he said, noting that more rigorous government oversight of contractors is needed.

The United States has been at the forefront of international efforts to stem the proliferation of nuclear weapons to countries like Iran and US President Barack Obama has called nuclear terrorism the "single biggest threat" to US security, given al-Qaeda's stated desire to obtain such weapons.

Top nuclear officials from the Energy Department will face scrutiny over the security breach from lawmakers on the House of Representatives' Energy and Commerce Committee on Sept. 12. Reuters

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SMART first to launch LTE in the Philippines

Wireless leader SMART Communications launched the world's fastest 4G mobile broadband technology, the Philippines' first commercial LTE (Long Term Evolution last August 25, 2012. Available at Plan 1500, SMART's LTE offering marks a milestone in Philippine mobile broadband history and elevates the country to the ranks of Germany, Japan, the US, and others that have launched LTE.

Held at Newport Plaza of the Resorts World Manila, the epic launch event hosted by RX 93.1's Gina Guitarrez and Sports 5's Reza Diaz, was packed with tech buffs, gamers, celebrities and personalities. At different hubs set-up for music downloads, movie streaming, and online gaming, everyone experienced the power of LTE first-hand. Delivering highest-ever speeds of up to 42Mbps, SMART LTE made good on its promise of downloading an HD movie in minutes, not hours, a full music album in seconds, not minutes, and real-time gaming with absolutely no lag.

In fact, SMART LTE wowed all with an exclusive first that had never been done before, a live online match between South Korea's master Kim "Classic" Hong-tae and our very own Pedro 'MataTobillos' Pobladre on Starcraft II. Playing in Manila, the South Korean took game 1 while the Filipino, playing all the way from Cebu, took game 2. Sudden death was won by the Korean in an epic duel of strategy and speed.

The wait is now over. SMART LTE is now available at Plan 3500 with a free modem and 16GB consumable data per month. But as a bonus, subscribers can enjoy unlimited LTE usage until October 25, 2012. For more information about the SMART LTE, go to www.smart.com.ph/lte.

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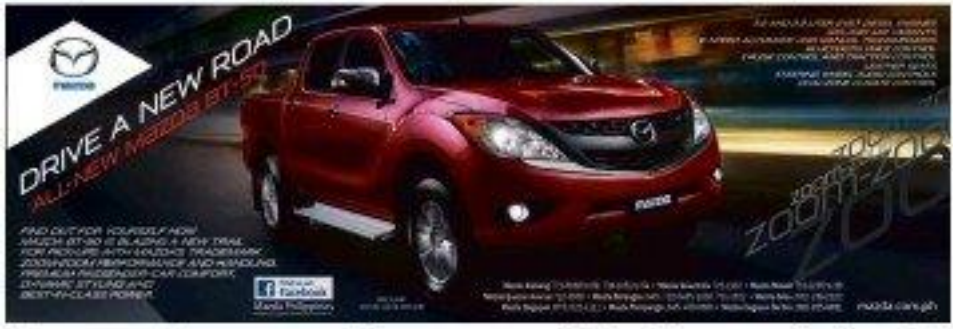

Human Nature enlists army of dealers to help GK

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By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE BILLION-PESO personal care product sector in the Philippines is dominated by multinational companies—including Unilever, Rivoal, The Body Shop, Clorique, Proctor and Gamble—that see a good thing going in the country because of its young and growing population with an increasing disposable income.

Retail enterprise Human Nature aims to give these foreign companies a run for their money and is enlisting the help of dealers from all over the country who can join in its cause of promoting "pro-Philippines, pro-poor and pro-environment" personal care products while earning 15% profit for themselves.

Anna Melissa Pelli, president of Gandang Kalikasan Inc. that produces the Human Nature line of natural and organic cosmetics and personal care products, says that the dealership program started in January 2009 due to persistent demand from the first leapers of Human Nature products who wanted to resell the products.

Pelli says she and her partners looked at what the other direct selling companies were doing and implemented what they thought would be appropriate for Human Nature and its vision of providing Filipinos with affordable quality products that use natural ingredients grown in Good Kalinga communities all over the country.

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PLAYING IT SMART

During Habagat 2012, SMART-powered mobile solutions helped save the day.

During torrential rains that struck Metro Manila alone, residents of the capital region faced familiar seasonal problems: flooding, a breakdown in transportation, power, and other infrastructure, if not a complete disruption of daily life. However this time around, there were systems in place to help mitigate the disasters.

Keeping in Touch

BPO employees across the city were kept informed through SMART Netcast regarding workflow contingency measures and revised work schedules. This saved them from uncertainty and confusion. A banking executive —cut off from his office by flooded streets— got his email on SMART Wireless Broadband. Companies with workers unable to get to SMART schooling facilities were still able to accurately and remotely load credits to employees' accounts using SMART Reload.

These are only a few of the impactful real stories of connectivity value by PLDT ALPHA Enterprise and SMART-powered mobile services during these dark, rain-filled days. Maintaining communications, especially within businesses, is vital during any catastrophe. SMART's mobile network proved itself during what is now popularly known as "Habagat 2012." SMART has invested 30 billion pesos to upgrade its network and services, and on this occasion they easily proved their worth.

Solutions For The Corporate World

SMART's Netcast allows companies to broadcast bulletins to employees instantly via SMS. Its wide array, unrivalled communications solutions was especially important with each typhoon advisory. SMS is regarded as reliable even in adverse weather conditions that can bog down or knock out other channels. Netcast quickly disseminates information to all company employees, even those in transit, through common and widely used mobile phones.

For easy cell phone loading, SMART Reload gives companies the ability to top off accounts of stranded employees. This is extremely convenient even in normal times, as an excellent way to manage employee cellphone accounts. During the habagat, this ability proved absolutely vital in ensuring continuity in communicating with employees.

As far as wireless connectivity, SMART's mobile broadband is also second to none, reliable and exclusive. Mobile users are constantly up-to-date with relevant work information, documents, or updates. During the floods, SMART Bro was indispensable, often serving as the only Internet access. If you needed MMDA Twitter updates, PAGASA weather forecasts or the news, SMART Bro was ready to provide the link.

Weathering the Coming Storm

PAGASA predicts that the earth of torrential rain and flooding is only the beginning of a wetter monsoon season. We can expect more typhoons and storms to hit the capital in the coming months. Companies are studying their selves for the deluge with SMART's many connectivity solutions – and, given the collective experience, that's certainly playing it SMART.

The PLDT and Metro Pacific Groups reached out to flooded communities with timely assistance and services. Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan headed the relief effort himself, coordinating the resources of the Group's various companies.

SMART Communications operated free calling stations in places where other forms of communication were not available. More recently, they offered free cellphone charging stations in areas without power. SMART also coordinated with the PLDT-SMART Foundation (PSF), TV5, and local government units in bringing aid to families taking shelter in various evacuation centers. Blankets, hygiene kits in recyclable cloth bags, and cooked meals were distributed to families who had lost all their belongings.

LET'S FLY AGAIN. By near-extinction inside the compound in Batangas City of the 1,300-megawatt natural gas-fired power plants of First Gen, a wholly owned subsidiary of First Gen Corporation. These birds, along with other wildlife creatures and plants, are showcased in the book "Connections," which was recently published by the Lopez-controlled company.

Banking in the age of Facebook, social media

By Doris C. Dumlao

WITH OVER 27 million Filipinos hooked to the world's largest social networking platform Facebook, could this be an effective channel to promote financial literacy? Ayala-led Bank of the Philippine Islands thinks so and has thus grabbed an opportunity to reach out to people who may otherwise be unmanned to go to a physical branch to discuss concerns about savings, investments or borrowing.

Gentlemen Aida's oldest bank handpicked a few of its FB savvy bankers, aged between 23 and 32 from various departments to function as social networking team to answer queries and provide online financial advice. They say not nameless faces but an real BPI bankers tasked to interact with Facebook users, even if they are not existing BPI clients.

"How can I transfer the BPI Bankers Online app, enrolment? Is total store Philippines—especially the young people who are typically upscale savers and investors—in financial wellness.

"With the bank's 161 years of serving the Filipinos, BPI remains focused on continuously to keep up with the changing needs of our clients. We've made banking transactions easy through our 24/7 banking and now we go beyond the transactions desks to make it easy for our customers to understand and have a meaningful connection with us as their bank," says BPI senior vice president and integrated marketing head Marie Josephine Ocampo.

Although already one of the country's largest banks with the widest retail customer base of 5.4 million, Ocampo says that many of them are "simple, normal" clients or those whose banking has taken a limited or deposit placement.

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"We have seen that the use of social media has become an integral part of Filipinos' everyday lives, we are in fact among the top users in the world. Launching this app, we envision that BPI Bankers Online will demonstrate expert financial advice and lead Filipinos to financial wellness with BPI as their advisor and partner. We have made banking transactions easy through our 24/7 banking and now we go beyond the transactions desks to make it easy for our customers to understand and have a meaningful connection with us as their bank," says BPI senior vice president and integrated marketing head Marie Josephine Ocampo.

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By taking the tests, Ocampo says BPI has developed a channel that's worked well for those non-physical limitations, unlike traditional marketing activities.

"They are coming from different parts of the bank, giving them well-rounded experience to be able to answer anybody's questions. They are developing, growing wealth and other financial concerns. In answering the app, a user will be asked to choose a banker with whom to begin a conversation. Initiating a conversation is as easy as clicking the picker of the banker you banker. The FB user can also seek an alternative opinion from another banker or set up a branch appointment.

"These are all several advisors. We have different bankers because we want to cater to the letter to someone my age or maybe I can relate to a woman, maybe a mother," says Bond 624 digital marketing head Margarita Bedoya.

The bankers featured in BPI's Bankers Online App that have their real photo and a summary of their interests and suggested scope of conversation.

The eight bankers are:

- Denise, described as a "gadget junkie," is an expert on money management.
- Jaggy, is a "passionate pianist and conductor" and described as a "great listener and financial advisor."
- Brian, a bowling enthusiast, is the one to talk to for solutions for borrowing needs.
- Kenneth, described as a "senior adventurer," can act not just as a mentor guide but an adviser on building savings.
- Jess, a photoblogger, is an adviser for Pinoys abroad.
- Patrick, a football and marketing enthusiast, is the expert on banking online.
- Cherry, a "foodie," can talk about how to build one's most loan home; and,
- Jessica, a painter, is the banker for Filipinos in Europe.

Jessica is actually based in BPI's London branch and is thus accessible to European time zone. Jess and Cherry attend to the needs of Pinoys abroad but are based here so they can talk

FILIPINOS can choose a banker they can ask for advice.

to both the overseas Pinoys and their local beneficiaries, such as an overseas mason or homestay nurse or worker.

App users must take note, however, that BPI discourages people from posting their account numbers online for security reasons. They are asked to give contact number and BPI members a verification box it's a no-no to reveal account numbers online.

Ronald Patrick Lim, managing director of MMG Global, wide, which is the digital and relationship marketing arm of the global advertising giant McCann Worldgroup, says BPI's Bankers Online app is "one of the few FB apps that talks to its customers." It's something to be proud of that a Filipino brand is leading the way, Lim says.

But what if the volume of engagements grows by leaps and bounds and not merely by dozen eight pioneering online bankers to handle?

As these online bankers have other existing tasks, Ocampo says setting up a full-time dedicated team is an option.

"The whole bank is one is totally engaging the clients in whatever channel they choose," she says.

"I think the essence of this whole activity is being connected to you. Now it's FB but maybe 10 years for now, it will be another," Bedoya says.

Whatever medium is there, BPI will be there, she adds.

Human Nature enlists army of dealers to help GK

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"We choose to just provide our dealers with the discounts on the products like what other direct selling companies are doing. We did not want to do the multilevel marketing model because, by the time the real users get the products, the prices will be so high. The more we did was two levels, the dealer and one down line or recruit," explains Wilk.

The dealership entails the best recruited through the years to make it even more worthwhile for dealers to sell more products, thus ensuring steady livelihood for the families living in the Gawad Kalinga sites that produce such ingredients as coconut oil, essential oils, lemongrass, passion fruit and sunflowers.

Under the latest system, any body can be a dealer after making an initial purchase of P1,500. This will entitle him or her to a 25 percent discount on purchases worth P1,500 to P4,999 and an additional 5 percent on purchases worth at least P10,000.

Dealers only need to buy at least P600 worth of products a month to keep to person discount, at least P1,500 to keep 25 percent discount. Dealers have three months to hit their monthly requirement before they get demoted to a lower level or disqualified.

To be elevated to the bronze level, the dealer must have P1,500 worth in personal sales and another P1,500 in group sales to maintain. This will entitle the dealer to 30 percent commission.

If the recruits' sales hit P1,000 but the bronze dealer did not purchase anything or did not meet the P1,500 personal purchase requirement, commissions will not be given.

The highest level is the diamond dealer, who is entitled to a 20 percent discount on purchases worth at least P5,000. He or she has to maintain personal sales of P5,000 and another P9,000,000 from group sales from end-users and dealers.

End-user recruits or downlines are defined as people who register under the dealer and buy at brochure price from Human Nature branches and/or online through www.humannature.com.ph.

"We try to remind those who are actually selling, and not just buy products for their own consumption, although that is also good. The discounts goes up as the purchases go up," says Wilk.

Human Nature, whose best-selling products include the herbal, hair care products and the multi-purpose sunflower oil, has 40,000 registered dealers and the hope is to make them more active in selling, and perhaps even lower in a bracket.

While even those who want to become its actual branches are entitled to an even bigger discount considering the time and money that they will put in the outlet, Brands owners likewise get management support, not just in brand building but also in franchise-keeping.

There are 25 main branches including the flagship store—four in Metro Manila, seven in Luzon, seven in Visayas and three in Mindanao.

There are two provinces set to have branches this year—Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija and San Fernando, Pampanga, bringing the network up to 33 by the end of the year.

Plans are underway to open up even more by letting Human Nature products closer to the people, although the group prefers to expand at a slow but sure pace.

There are a lot of inquiries to open up Human Nature stores, but Wilk says that the group is not exactly in a hurry to open up more branches to management wants to make sure that the brands operations are running smoothly in their vision of contributing to poverty alleviation.

Aside from the financial capability, we also want to make sure that the investor will be very hands-on-it, and not just only give the management to other people," says Wilk. We want the branches to be dynamic where the investors will really go out to make the brand known, like go to schools, events, job bazaars, huge campaign on ups. We have to work to get the brand known because once we are brand known and we are up against multinational brands that have been here along time."

To support the dealers, especially the branch owners, Wilk says that Gawad Kalinga has provided training on inventory control, product knowledge, sales marketing as well as dealer development. It also came up with a new look for the branch to entice customers to go through the doors.

Wilk says that sales of its Human Nature flagship store have quadrupled since the start of the year following the unveiling of the new look in January 2012.

The flagship store embodies the vision of Gawad Kalinga that is for pro-Philippines and pro-environment. Wilk stresses all over the store that with a modern feel. There are touches of bamboo, rapis, wood and raffia to evoke that Filipino feel. Lights are also energy-efficient to keep power consumption to a minimum.

SANDIANG Kalihan-ino, president Anna Melale-Wilk with husband Ophie and their children

A GK COMMUNITY in Kanaputan, Camarines Norte produces citronella used in Human Nature products.

We wanted people to hang out and want to buy. We also have space for kids to play while their parents are looking around. We want people to have more time to shop in a stress-free environment. We also have space for products from other social enterprise," Wilk says.

The plan is for all branches to have the same look and feel as the flagship store by the end of the year.

Aside the distribution network expands, so does the product line, says Wilk.

Human Nature has 100 unique products and new products are developed every two months. It pays head-to-head with foreign competition by offering the same personal care products that cater to the harmful chemicals and are guaranteed tested and safe. It was also the first Filipino enterprise to send personal care company to be named animal cruelty free by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Aside from sales of its line, Human Nature's products are "pro-Philippines, pro-poor and pro-environment" has given a real flattering that Gawad Kalinga Kabuan Inc. hopes will expand to include more Filipinos, as they get more from Human Nature than just its quality products. By making a purchase, they also get to chance to help less privileged Filipinos in Gawad Kalinga communities.

Human Nature, after all, touches not just the body, but also wants the head and feeds the soul.

Canadian haircare brand bullish on Philippines

By Margie C. Enriquez
Correspondent

A CANADIAN haircare brand is making a bid to be a major player in the hair-care and salon industry.

Under the brand name Cynos, it is setting itself as a high-performance product at an affordable price.

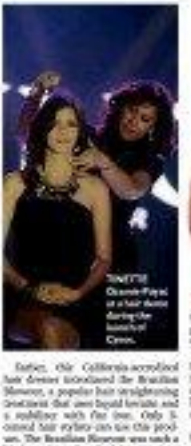
In just 18 months, it expanded its marketing from 200 accounts to 600. The most salable product, the keratin treatment, accounts for nearly 30 pcs. sold because it addresses the most concerns of most Filipinos....frizzy hair (buhaghag in Tagalog).

The local distributor, Genmin Cobex Inc. has been trailblz.

"We set up local branch offices in Cebu and Cotabato, where the color business is booming. This unanimated our reach to our clientele. We had our own salon selling cynos products such as hair coloring, treatments, digital perm in partner salons," explains Lynne Dee, marketing manager for New Summit Cobex Inc.

Members of the technical team, who have become brand ambassadors, are being trained to do the correct process, aided by our salon products such as hair coloring, treatments, digital perm in partner salons," explains Lynne Dee, marketing manager for New Summit Cobex Inc.

Cynos touted the product to Tenebe Daniels-Peyne, artistic director of Tenebe & Co.



TENEBE Daniels-Peyne, at a hair demo during the launch of Cynos.

Earlier, the California-accredited hair doctor introduced the Brazilian Blowout, a popular hair straightening treatment that uses liquid keratin and a mallet-like hair iron. Only 5-starred hair stylists can use the process. The Brazilian Blowout was such a hit that other salons had their versions of hair-smoothing treatments.

On tasting Cynos' Keratik Keratin, Peyne was impressed with the results. For one, it took 90 minutes for the treatment that results in smooth, silky hair and the effect lasted for three months.

PEYNE: "I personally feel the products to use which is suitable to the client."

The procedure for the competing brands took three to four hours and the effect lasted for two months. Cynos' product was a fraction of the price of the leading brand.

At Tenebe & Co. in Parliamentary Center, Brazilian Global Elite the Cynos treatment ranges from P3,000 to P5,500, while the Brazilian Blowout costs P7,800 to P8,800.

Likewise, she discovered that making adjustments with Cynos' formula could produce different results on the hair.

"You can the change amounts to get different results. It depends on what you want—frizz-free hair, frizz-free with a little curl, frizz-free with a little wave or straight hair with some body. The others can't offer that. The problem with Pinoy hair is the thahaging. Pahoral is not suitable. When hair grows out, one part is straight while the other part is frizzy. (With Cynos) you can't tell the difference between the straight and the old hair," explains Peyne.

Beyond the product breakthrough, Peyne was surprised that the technical team, who were supposedly veterans, did not have the depth of knowledge on the Cynos product.

Hence, Peyne has been providing technical training as her advocacy in raising the salon standards. She points out that Filipinos have the gift of unfailing their senses to create beautiful hairstyles. However, they don't have the scientific background on salon color and treatment products.

"Sometimes, it's the hairstylist who makes you feel like a botched hocks with the dames, but the service is bad. Although it's important to make the client feel good, it's more critical to give them the service that is of international standards," says Peyne.

Working on the Cynos basis, she says, "they must know how to maximize the use of the product so that they can utilize it properly."

She adds that their basic training and work experiences are insufficient due to lack of technical knowledge. Hereby, training & Co has become a lab and training ground.

"They've got to know how to mix colors and formulas. Put a long time, it was guess work."

Peyne is experimenting on Cynos' hair color that boasts of low ammonia, thereby, limiting it's contact on the hair. "I'm testing how it fades."

She notes that its grade is equivalent to a leading European brand but at a low price.

Although she is Cynos' technical adviser, Peyne maintains her play when using hair products.

"I'm not partial to one brand. We choose the product that is suitable to the state of hair and the needs of the client."

Ultimately, the salon's expertise in the art and science of hair keeps customers coming back.

Asked if the market is overcrowded with salons and salon products, Peyne replies there's room for more.

"More Filipinos are vain. Their hair is their crowning glory. It's a hot country so men get their haircuts often. What differentiates a salon from the rest is the technical expertise of the staff. This is what we should be doing to the rest of the other salons....passing courses into their skills."

Communication helps CEO grow mining company

FOR CAROLINE L. Tanchay, president and chair of Oriental Peninsula Resources Group Inc. (OPRI), there is only one way to run a business in volatile, albeit controversial, as mining... through direct, honest and straightforward communication.

Being the only female CEO in the Philippine mining industry, Tanchay subscribes to the tenets of openness and direct communication with her company's stakeholders.

"It is only through the art of active listening and regular participatory dialogues that we learn the needs of the community in terms of education, environment, livelihood and be able to initiate and implement programs to answer, if not alleviate, the needs of the community," says Tanchay, recipient of the 2012 CEO Excel Awards given by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) for her exceptional use of communication tools and strategies in management and leadership.

For instance, as part of OPRI's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, Tanchay personally attends town hall meetings, dialogues, and oversees socio-civic projects that OPRI undertakes in its operations sites in Narra and Espanola, Palawan.

In 2011, its first year of full operation, OPRI generated total revenue of P687.37 million. Revenue reached P1.12 billion, significantly higher than that of the previous year.

Citinickel Mining, OPRI's mining subsidiary, operates two mining projects in Palawan and employs about 1,000 people directly and about 500 more indirectly.

Successful mining operations require the support of the communities in which they operate. Historically, relationships between mining companies and communities have been characterized by a lack of trust. But ORI has taken efforts to take positive steps to ensure that when mining is undertaken, the rights of indigenous peoples (IPs) are respected, while affected communities benefit from mining activities.

"We have our offices open for IPs. What we realized during our dialogue with them is that we took the same goals: better education, more employment, and improved economic opportunities," says Tanchay.

It is also imperative that IPs have access to timely and relevant information about proposals affecting their territories, the CEO adds.

The 320,000 strong indigenous community is a beneficiary of ORI's scholarship program and benefits from royalty as mandated by the Mining Act of 1995.

ORI has also created livelihood projects for community members such as handicraft making, livestock raising, organic farming, lubber tree and coconut tree planting.

ORI said IPs may still be in the honeymoon period as the company has been operating for only two years, but their relationship has been harmonious, and thus ensure the smooth operation of ORI.

"We treat IPs as partners to build a relationship among IPs (require patience, humility, resourcefulness and creativity," adds Tanchay.

In Barangay San Isidro in Narra, Palawan, there is one elementary school but no high school. Pupils have to walk at least seven kilometers to go to the nearest high school, resulting to high dropout rates.

Along with teachers of Puerting Elementary in Brgy. Imlim, the parent-teacher association, and barangay officials, Tanchay and ORI officials held dialogues and elicited recommendations to improve the delivery of socio-educational services.

"That was necessary to glean information about their educational needs," says Tanchay.

From these dialogues, ORI was able to establish what the needs are and help in the best way the company could. For instance, ORI employed a pool of architects, engineers, contractors and suppliers. Along with members of the community, they constructed two 240-classroom, based on the specifications of the Department of Education.

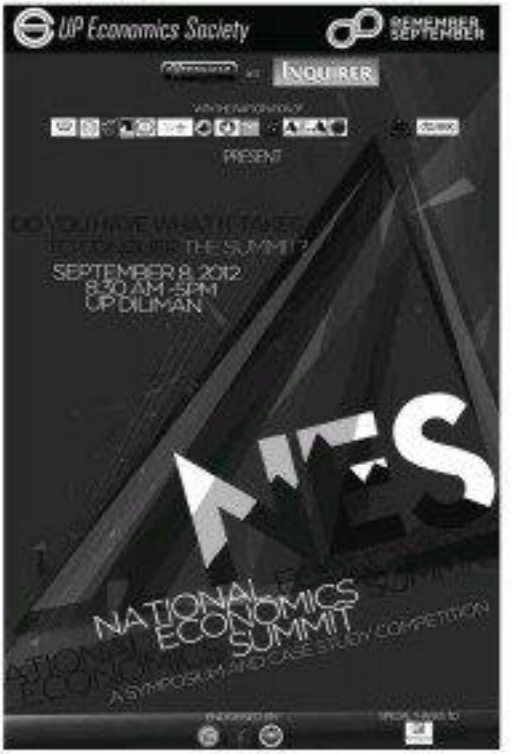
"These were never as computer laboratories, equipped with 35 work stations, and printers, among others. These help introduce schoolchildren to the uses and functions of computers and the internet.

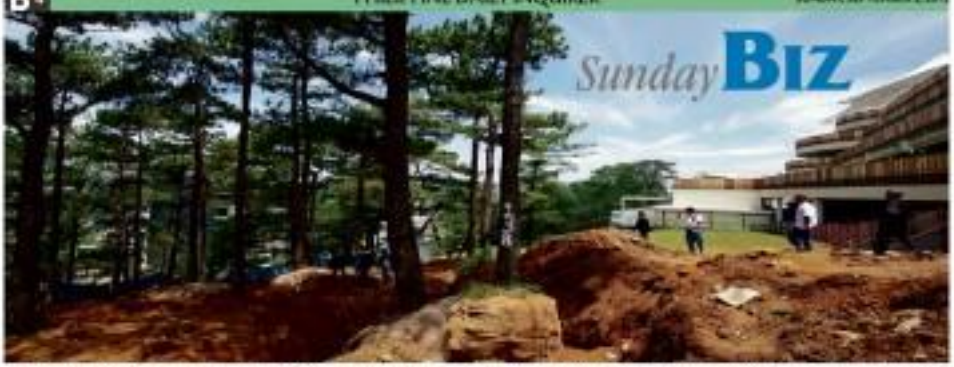
"Seeing children of Batangas San Isidro watch a computer for the first time was a heartwarming sight," says Tanchay.

In the past several months, coal-mining groups that trumpet the evils of mining have bagged headlines. But instead of fighting "fire with fire," ORI chooses to match letters and forms only on the good news and its programs in the grassroots.

CAROLINE L. Tanchay (left) of Oriental Peninsula Resources Group Inc. receives the 2012 CEO Excel Award during a recent ceremony.

KIDS were their genuine affect receiving relief goods from Petron. The oil firm mobilized resources during the recovery operations in Cebu after devastated parts of Luzon.





BY THE (photo) season in April, mall officials and security guards of SM City Baguio tour environment advocates and reporters around the shopping mall compound on Luneta Hill where the company plans to transfer, through earthballing, 183 pine and other trees as the mall prepares for expansion. The transfer of the trees has not pushed through following a court order.

Making tough decisions, learning from mistakes

By Paolo S. Montecillo

THE EVENING of July 12, 2013 was a night Miami Heat head coach Erik Spoelstra would not soon forget.

It was the end of the sixth game of a long championship series, which capped off a hard-fought season. That night, the Filipino-American's eyes were ringing with cheers, confetti was falling from the American airline Arena's roof, and all around him history was being made.

Spoelstra had just fallen short of leading the Miami Heat, one of the most hyped-up teams in history, to its first National Basketball Association (NBA) championship since 2006.

For many outspoken journalists, like many (or be nearly as exciting as chasing after basketball's most prestigious prize), but Spoelstra said playing for NBA gold and working hard to meet a monthly sales target are not so different in their sense.

"We are all players. We sit on the same chairs, and we make the same tough decisions," said Spoelstra during a recent visit to Manila.

Speaking before members of the Manuel V. Pangilinan group of companies, Spoelstra said goals may be different, but people on top mostly deal with the same challenges.

For Spoelstra, it was struggling with the pressure of being a relatively untested first-year being appointed to lead a franchise into war.

Spoelstra, who joined his team in Laguna, replaced his mentor, the legendary coach Pat Riley, as Miami's head coach.

On top of being one of the youngest coaches in the league, Spoelstra was also the first Asian-American to be named head coach of a major American sports team.

Unlike most NBA coaches, Spoelstra never played in the NBA and never had any head coach experience.

"When (Riley) passed on the reins to me, you can imagine the speculation in the media. They said it was an overnight opportunity, they said I didn't look the part. They said I wasn't ready," he said.

Spoelstra, of course, knows that he had the tools to lead an NBA team to the top.

"I started out as an intern with the Miami Heat. Then I went to scouting, then became head of skill development, and later was named Assistant Coach. I went a lot of different

COACH Spo (center) is flanked by Mon Stephenson and Al Panlilio of Meralco, Noel Lorenzana and Coach Chot Reyes of Smart.

'Goals may be different, but people on top deal with the same challenges'

MANUEL V. Pangilinan (left) and Miami Heat head coach Erik Spoelstra.

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Rock-solid confidence

Circulo Verde: A winning formula

By Charlie S. Baluyo

IT IS destined to be a winning formula: luxurious multi-storey residential developments on the banks of the Marikina River in Quezon City, with retail shops and restaurants, car parking facilities, spaces and recreational parks. Units in this P35 billion riverside community are set to attract a cosmopolitan mix of overseas and Filipino buyers, who would pay a premium to live there.

"A riverside residence is the ultimate benchmark for world-class luxury living, and the banks of the River Thames in London, Clarke Quay in Singapore and the Hudson River in New York, for example, are home to some of the world's most coveted homes. We are creating a similar development here at Circulo Verde," described Joey Linares SVP and GM of OGLF Holdings, Inc. Real Estate Division.

OGLF Holdings is the parent of Ortigas & Co., the firm behind the Greenhills, the Valle Verde and the Greenmeadows subdivisions, the Ortigas Center business district, and the Greenhills Shopping Center.

Linares said Circulo Verde is unprecedented considering that 50 years ago the development's location in Bagumbayan, Quezon City was just a grassland that later became home to several industrial complexes.

"This will soon change as this 12-hectare development of Ortigas and Co. will transform the property and its surrounding area into a vibrant community where residents could live, work and play. Together with its marvellous location and proximity to a number of central business districts—Farmerstead, Ortigas, Quezon City, and Makati—this development is likely to be attractive to homeowners and investors," said Linares.

CIRCULO Verde's 12-hectare property offers both scenic views of the Sierra Madre mountain range and dynamic vistas of the city.

First to rise

One of the first to rise in Circulo Verde Garden Homes, a townhouse community of 465 units that offers pedestrian-friendly natural green pathways, community pool, playgrounds, and access to facilities—Circulo Verde's retail center (where shops and restaurants will be located).

Priced between 19 million and 19.4 million, a typical unit of Circulo Verde Garden Homes will have a floor area of 195 sq.m. or 131 sq.m. three storey and back access that is connected to the utility area and a two-car garage. "Each unit has a built-in cabinetry master bedroom and bath, kitchen, dining, and living areas, as well as balconies for every floor," described Linares.

A bigger-level unit will have two secondary bedrooms, a family hall, and a personal fourth bedroom; three-level units, on the other hand, will have two secondary bedrooms and three toilets and baths.

Ortigas & Co. has also begun the first phase of Circulo Verde where five residential towers will rise on a 2.7-hectare area.

Mejores and Ibiza

"Expect the first two towers, the Mejores and Ibiza to welcome its first batch of residents within the year. While the 23-storey Ibiza Tower has attracted young couples and independent individuals with efficiency one- and two-bedroom single or bi-level units of 44 to 80 sq.m., Mejores Residences' 12-storey building with sky gardens has drawn a lot of new couples, starting families and empty nesters," described Linares.

Expected to be turned over in 2014, Circulo Verde's third tower—Verde Residences—features 15 residential floors and two-level podium parking. Among its main features include units with ramp-around balcony that, aside from offering fantastic city views, promises cool ventilation and natural lighting.

Residences will also find lush bi-level sky gardens on the sixth and seventh floor, which are green sanctuaries perfect for relaxation as well as easing the days' worries away," said Linares.

70 percent open space

What probably sets Circulo Verde apart from other similar developments here in the Philippines is the fact that the property is vast and has the potential to offer wide spaces for its residents to enjoy suburban living.

"Circulo Verde's 12-hectare property offers both scenic views of the river and dynamic vistas of the city. What we have added are green parks where residents could experience natural beauty while breathing fresh air," described Linares.

"With issues over the deteriorating natural resources of the planet, needs of urban architecture is becoming devoted to sustainable, environmentally-friendly design and buildings. Green areas bring character, charm, and definition to any neighborhood, a reason why we made sure 70 percent of Circulo Verde's property is devoted to open spaces," said Linares.

He explained that trees, shrubs and other vegetation not only provide some absorption of air pollution but that the experience of being outdoors and being exposed to sunlight and fresh air, certainly is a step to the right direction towards healthy living.

"Indeed, true to its mission to create sustainable and green communities, the improvements and construction that we have begun here at Circulo Verde will define the community in the future. We want Circulo Verde to be regarded as a liveable, sustainable and prosperous community as well as a responsible member of a much bigger community," concludes Linares.

Circulo Verde's philosophy is in line with and around nature and in the process retains the ideal spaces for leisure and living. For more information about Circulo Verde, visit www.Circulo Verde.com.ph.

CIRCULO Verde is the crown jewel of Ortigas & Co.'s residential developments. Diverse, self-contained, and green, it features 14 hectares of premium living space with 70 percent of its dedicated to parks, jogging and biking lanes, and recreation.

Marco Polo Residences: 5-star living in Cebu

As a unique selling proposition, condominium home owners get to enjoy the first-class amenities of Marco Polo Hotel

By Raquel Gomez

FIVE-STAR hotel luxury in condominium living isn't a new concept, but top developer Federal Land, Inc. makes it more luxurious by providing residents with a great view and the most upscale address in Cebu.

Federal Land's Marco Polo Residences is a first-class luxury residential development located in Sitio Hills in Apas district, considered Cebu's most coveted real estate property. Nestled 600 feet above sea level, the area is among the very limited elevated places in Cebu that offers an unobstructed view of the majestic city from above.

Marco Polo Residences Residences is part of the 5-hectare hilly property that also includes the Marco Polo Hotel, the 5-star hotel, which used to be Cebu Plaza Hotel. When Federal Land bought the property several years ago to introduce and re-launch it as Marco Polo Hotel, it was also part of the plan to establish luxury residences near the hotel that will carry the prestigious Marco Polo brand. Marco Polo is a chain of luxurious 5-star hotels in the Asia Pacific.

"The hilltop, where the development is located, is very close to the Cebuanos," said Alfred Ty, president of Federal Land Inc. He referred to the area, particularly the hotel, as the location where Cebuanos would hold family occasions such as weddings, baptism and parties. "Apart from its location such as elevation, exclusiveness, security, and access to hotel amenities, it is also only 15 minutes away from the city proper—that's the beauty of the development."

Proud of how Cebuanos welcome the residential development on the exclusive hilly crop in the last take-up of the property. Within two months only after its launch, the first tower (The Residences) was completely sold out. The 32-story The Residences has a total of 171 units having a mix of one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom units.

Now, the second and third towers—Two/three/four Marco and Marco Polo Penthouse—are already on pre-selling stage.

"We are encouraged by the strong number response," said Ty. "It was exciting to see the response of foreign and local retirees from abroad."

Cebu City has become a much-sought-after haven for foreign retirees. The Marco Polo Residences has many become an ideal investment among foreign retirees and expats settling in Cebu.

The Marco Polo Penthouse Residences is envisioned to become a high-end leisure retreat in the upscale market. Its members-only club shall serve as a playground for the cosmopolitan crowd. Here, residents can enjoy the pleasures of appointed features such as a lap pool, fully-equipped fitness center, spa, private theater and tennis court.

As a development tied to the Marco Polo Hotel, Marco Polo Residences aims to tell apart from other luxury projects with world-class facilities and services. Residents can enjoy access to the Marco Polo Hotel and its amenities and services. These include food and beverage signing privilege, concierge, room, business center and laundry services, apartment cleaning, servicing and maintenance, and priority access to the swimming pool, gym and the wellness center.

Apart from the stunning view, the charm of the Marco Polo Residences lies in its 5-star hotel-like suites. Each unit was designed to exude contemporary, stylish living mixed for the discriminating of its residents.

The hotel-like ambiance cascades to the common areas with its grand grand floor lobby and drop-off. Security is a top priority with CCTV system, motion-alert fire suppression system, fire detection alarm systems, and by generator for both common and residential units, and 24-hour security and maintenance personnel.

The last take up of the property has encouraged Federal Land to start working on the next-next towers while construction of the first tower is already in full swing. Target date for completion of the whole project is by 2015.

For inquiries, please call the Manila line at 898-8168 loc. 8091 or the Cebu line at (032) 234-8108. You may also visit the showroom in Manila located at the ground floor level of ST Tower International, 6813 Ayala Ave. cor. H.V. dela Costa St. in Makati, or its showroom in Cebu located at the ground floor of Marco Polo Plaza Cebu, Sitio Hills, Apas, Cebu. You may likewise visit www.marcopolocondos.com.ph.

ILOILO RIVER ESPLANADE

SENATOR Franklin M. Drilon and Sarangani Representative Manny Pacquiao lead the inauguration of the 1.2-kilometer Iloilo River Esplanade that is seen to boost Iloilo's tourism as well as increase environmental awareness among its residents. Also joining the ceremonial ribbon cutting are (from left) Iloilo City Vice Mayor Jose Espinosa III, Iloilo Province Governor Arthur Defensor Sr., Congressman Jerry Treñas, and Iloilo City Mayor Jed Mabilog.

CBRE Philippines' Global Corporate Services now ISO certified

LEADING real estate services and advisory firm CBRE Philippines recently received the ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System (QMS) Certification for its Global Corporate Services Group (GCS).

CBRE's Global Corporate Services' team of in-office agency brokerage, strategic consulting, lease analysis, and GIS evaluations. Clients handled by the group include notable office developments such as the Trafalgar Building, RTTC Center, Summit Tower, and 11th Corporate Center.

CBRE Global Corporate Services has also been named best in-house leasing agent in both Asia Pacific and the Philippines at the recent Asia Pacific Property Awards 2012.

The certification adds to CBRE's line up of ISO-accredited business lines which include asset services (project management, property management, facilities management, and asset management). The certificate was recently awarded by SGS Philippines to CBRE's head office in Ayala Tower One.

PRESENT during the ISO certification awarding ceremony are CBRE director for GCS Jamie Mitchell, QMS manager Rhea Balauitan, SGS managing director Rosario Cajucom-Bradbury, CBRE chair and founder Nick Sanchez, and director for GCS John Corpus.

Filinvest receives Cebu's Garbo sa Sugbo award

THIS year, Filinvest Land Inc. CEO and president Joseph M. Yap, a Cebu-guided Cebuano who exemplifies excellence in leadership and whose company contributes in shaping Cebu's economic landscape through its visionary property developments, were awarded the Garbo sa Sugbo Award for Corporate Leadership.

Yap accepted the award from Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia and Cebu 3rd District Representative Pablo John Garcia.

"I thank the Cebu Provincial Government for this honor. The award recognizes the contribution that Filinvest Land and the Filinvest Group have accomplished here in Cebu. Today, we are proud to report that we already have 10 projects in Cebu and we will be investing at least P20 billion more in the province in the next 10 years to develop our various projects," Yap said in a speech during the awarding ceremony.

Filinvest was one of the earliest Metro Manila-based groups to invest in Cebu for its business-friendly environment. One of its major projects is the P6-billion business process outsourcing (BPO) complex that will soon rise in Barangay Lahug, Cebu City as a joint venture between the Provincial Cebu and Filinvest Land Inc.

Filinvest won the bid under a Build-Transfer-Operate scheme with the Province of Cebu for its 7.2 hectare property along Salinas Drive near the Ayala towers IT Park. The first P1.7-billion building will stand on a 15,000-sqm lot where the Bagong Bahay Rehabilitation Center (BBRC) and the Cebu Center for the Differently Abled Persons (CCDAP) are currently housed. The entire project will be developed over the years and is expected to generate 15,000 to 20,000 jobs.

Aside from the BPO project, Filinvest Land is developing a forty portion of Cebu's 599-hectare South Road Properties, known as Cebu di Mare, a 40-hectare mixed-use mixed residential project with Cebu City that features 8 Cebu's 10-hectare lifestyle mixed use development also at the IRD the projects will provide thousands of new jobs for Cebuanos as well as generate millions of pesos worth of revenues for the city and the Province of Cebu.

These projects represent the company's faithfulness in Cebu's economy and confidence in the provincial government.

Filinvest has been in the property development business for almost 30 years. Its diverse property portfolio all over the country's current is more than 120,000 sqm+ metrolies.

The Provincial Government of Cebu recently marked its 443rd founding anniversary in celebration held at the Cebu International Convention Center. Among the significant events lined-up in commemorate this milestone was the Governor's Ball which was highlighted by the Garbo sa Sugbo (Pride of Cebu) Awards. These awards are given to Cebuanos individuals or institutions for excellence in their fields of endeavors, and for their outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Cebu as a province.

FILINVEST president and CEO Joseph M. Yap (center) receives a Garbo sa Sugbo (Pride of Cebu) Award from Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia and Cebu 3rd District Representative Pablo John Garcia.

Circulo Verde puts best engineering practices on display

By Charles E. Bahar

WITH over 60 years of experience in real estate development, Ortigas & Co. brings an insightful approach to sustainable and responsible community development.

The 18-hectare Circulo Verde in Bagumbayan, Quezon City is one example as Ortigas & Co. is set to spend some P300 million to develop a river protection system that surrounds the property.

Set with the Marikina River as the backdrop, Circulo Verde homeowners can enjoy an unobstructed, morning view of the Ortigas skyline and the Barangka Mayor mountain range, as well as the benefit of exclusivity due to large open spaces within the property.

"Because of the nature of the river, we made sure that we first studied its flow, the topography, and the soundness of the location thoroughly with the help of experts," said Joselito Santos, EVP and GM of OCLP Holdings, Inc. Real Estate Division.

Engineering design firm DCCD Engineering, which was commissioned by Ortigas & Co. to conduct a flood and hydrology study for the Circulo Verde, confirmed that Marikina River's carrying capacity had greatly diminished due to years of accumulating silt.

Shallow

"The river has become shallow and its carrying capacity significantly reduced. This explains why people can walk across certain parts of the Marikina River during the dry season and why it is susceptible to overflows. In addition, soil naturally erodes on riverbanks in the absence of man-made protection systems like a 'wall,'" reported Santos.

He added that Ortigas & Co. also took the services of Dr. Guillermo Tabios III of the University of the Philippines' National Hydraulics Research Center who did an independent study on the soundness of the river wall that is now being erected around Circulo Verde.

Based on the 50- and 100- year flood study conducted by Dr. Tabios, Circulo Verde's river wall will be able to stand an increase in the Marikina river water level, while permanently keeping soil from eroding.

Santos also reported that once the rehabilitation is completed, Marikina River's width around the property will increase by 40 percent—from today's 66.3-meter average to 66.2 meters.

"More importantly, the river will also deepen to 20 meters from the previous 15 meters. This will more than double the river's current carrying capacity to 40, the dredging of 20,000 cubic meters of silt, which is equivalent to 1,500 truckloads, will now create a fast flowing Marikina River that is able to accommodate sudden influx of water volume coming from the mountains of Rizal province," said Santos.

State of the art technologies

Santos said that in planning for Circulo Verde, Ortigas & Co. prepared the development so it could deal with natural calamities, including earthquakes, flooding, and typhoons.

To ensure vehicular safety and security, Circulo Verde constructed parking spaces above ground only. There are three levels of above ground parking for the entire Phase 1. Apart from the river protection wall, the site is 8 meters above the normal level of the Marikina River and equipped with a detention tank that would gather rain and water run-off from the property to be recycled for non-potable uses.

An automated pumping system will also be provided to adequately drain the local rainwater volume that may accumulate or will be trapped inside the dike system. Runoff collected in the property will be appropriately discharged to ensure that even when the Marikina River rises, Circulo Verde would be flood free.

The property is also protected from other calamities like earthquakes. Circulo Verde uses both board piles and driven piles as foundation structures for all buildings to ensure structural integrity of the buildings even under extreme levels of shaking.

Enhancing traffic flow with P200 million bridge

Ortigas & Co. will also build a P200 million, 137-meter Circulo Verde Bridge.

The two-way steel bridge will connect Quezon City to Pasig City while at the same time, mitigate traffic in coordination by barangays and provide alternative routes to private vehicles going to Amang Rodriguez and parts of Ortigas Avenue Extension.

"The suspension bridge will be anchored on both ends of the river and will have a capacity of at least 600 vehicles that could reduce the volume of vehicles from Calle Industria and a portion of the Ortigas Ave. Ext. by as much as 60 percent," reported Santos.

Based on the final design, construction of the bridge will be completed by December 2013.

Rhapsody Residences' Carillon slated for turnover this year

BACKED by almost 60 years of expertise in the construction industry, property giant DMCI Homes is establishing itself as a reliable and trustworthy real estate developer in terms of on-time delivery of good quality projects.

For example, Carillon, the first of nine buildings of Rhapsody Residences, a resort-inspired condominium village in Mandaluyong City that broke ground in June 2013, will be ready for turnover by fourth quarter this year.

This commitment is what sets DMCI Homes apart from other developers. Taking into consideration the needs of every Filipino to move in his own home at the soonest time possible, the company makes sure that standards and expectations are never compromised.

Situated along East Service Road in Barangka Ibaba, Mandaluyong City, Rhapsody Residences is a refreshing addition to the DMCI Homes roster. It is expected to become the newest residential enclave just outside the Mahlong Central Business District.

This development will join a thriving city scene already composed of some of the best commercial establishments in the metropolis, including the country's premier shopping centers like Alabang Town Center and Festival Supermall, the towering Greenbelt Life Towers, the state-of-the-art Asian Hospital and Medical Center, and the Northgate Business District, which specializes in hosting information and technology businesses.

It is also close to Barangay Ilaya Alabang, which houses one of the country's biggest and most affluent residential communities. Its strategic location, with easy access to major business hubs, makes Rhapsody Residences a wise investment for young professionals.

With easy access to major thoroughfares, one's business requirements, and even the family's personal commitments, is easily addressed.

Modest in size minutes away, while the booming Fort Bonifacio district in Taguig offers more choices of conveniences to those who want a more extensive choice in food, fashion, and home luxury. Exclusive schools like De La Salle Zobel and San Beda College Alabang are nearby, giving more options for quality education.

Neo-Asian theme

Carillion, along with the rest of the soon-to-rise buildings, was designed to showcase a progressive structure. Like the other eight buildings, Carillion will embody a Neo-Asian architectural theme suited for the modern urban dweller with a taste for traditional aesthetics.

This new project makes a statement with its clean lines and minimalist style combined with a bold and modern flair of wind circulation and nature-inspired amenities, truly a symbol of taste for individuals living in the community.

The distinctly Neo-Asian architecture is reflected not only through the buildings, but throughout the entire development, from the gate entrance to the landscaped driveway, from the grand clubhouse and the relaxation to the greenery that can be seen throughout the area.

The tubular look of the place creates a sophisticated ambience that is well-timed and made more homey by well-landscaped greens and pocket parks that instantly refreshes the environment.

Units and shared areas are best described as a well-designed combination of concrete and wood, tastefully furnished with modern elements such as linear windows and roof accents.

Each building will also have DMCI Homes' signature single loaded corridors wherein homes open to a view of the garden atriums landscaped units reduce ornamental plants and water features, instantly eliminating the concrete jungle feel usually associated with living in a condo. The garden atriums and single loaded hallways also allow natural air and light to circulate freely, saving more on energy and resources.

RHAPSODY Residences Central Amenity perspective

The resort ambience is brought out of the building through its impressive pocket gardens, landscaped areas, and jogging parks allowing future residents to truly reconnect with nature. For water loving individuals, lounge and relax at Rhapsody Residences' inviting swimming pool complex which consists of a lap pool, corporate pool, and kiddie pool with a land-scaped pool deck area and gazebo.

There will also be a children's play area, a basketball court, and a spacious play court for residents with active lifestyles. A modern "tea house," a casa-like shaded area amidst the greens, offers a quiet spot in Rhapsody where residents can commune with nature, even during social activities. A Sky Lounge will also be available at the 10-storey Viola building, perfect for social gatherings with friends and family.

More than one hectare of the total land area will be dedicated to a diverse mix of outdoor amenities and every home owner is bound to find a place to call their own within the community.

The clubhouse for one can be used as another area for entertainment and business with its tastefully-designed lounge and bar area and function rooms. It also has spaces for personal needs like the fitness gym, game room, and entertainment room. The clubhouse is also Wi-Fi ready, presenting another caution for people who enjoy relaxing while surfing the Internet. A convenience store, laundry pick-up station, and water station will also be found inside the community.

Comfortable homes

Units are comfortable even for start-up and growing families. Available are one-bedroom units considered roomier than the usual condo homes, with space ranging from 54 to 77 sqm.

Carillion only has a few units left. Those interested can still avail of a new home at discounted prices. Don't miss the chance to own a spectacular home from one of the most trusted brands in the industry.

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Have the 'ber' months arrived? I can never get used to caroling so early!

TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

MY GOODNESS, have the "ber" months arrived? Are we going to hear Christmas carols in the malls soon? I am never get used to caroling so early, since for me, August and September are for birthdays and anniversaries, and not Christmas parties.

One recent natal day was that of Bench King Ben Chan. His birthday was extra special as it coincides with Bench's 25th anniversary. Now the country's largest clothing chain, Bench is holding its massive Bench Universe Party at the Arena in two weeks.

But first a very intimate celebration at the newly opened Las Flores Restaurant (tel. 5022003) at One Shangri-la Plaza at The Fort. At the gathering, Ben was surrounded with his family and wonderful friends, who all enjoyed the delicious tapas and Spanish cocktails.

The best thing about eating tapas is, everyone can share as many dishes in small portions, making it all clean with generous glasses of Sangria. The paella is also to die for at this well designed restaurant, by good friend Ariana Rinconito. The Spanish owners also serve as waiters, making for an extra delicious experience!

BIRTHDAY problemo Ben Chan and beautiful wife Torrie Gomez

STANDING ovation for fashion designer JC Buenaila, with Miss Saving valour Raul Manzano

JC Buenaila's bash

Another recent silver anniversary was for timeless fashion designer JC Buenaila, celebrating his years "of friendship and love" in the industry. Haven Society and Tesoro'sol presented "JC Buenaila 25th," a fashion show of his 2012 collection at Marriott Hotel Manila.

The celebration showcased JC's beautifully elegant work, his inspiration drawn from movies and the people who have been a big part of his life journey. Metro Society editor-in-chief Raoul Manzano was delighted to spotlight JC as a rare treasure. The magazine is proud of the ingenuity and talent of this very humble and charming designer.

His collection featured a modern twist with some indigenous and romantic touches. The fashion show featured five suites with 18 pieces each. The first suite had Victorian- and Romantic-inspired designs, while the second suite drew inspiration from famous movies of the '50s.

The third suite featured pieces of precision tailoring for women of power, and the fourth suite showcased menswear designer work by young handsome sons of JC's friends, such as Patricia Co-Unjieng and Marissa Lapa. The final suite unveiled dramatic pieces inspired by the dramas of celestial cultures.

HANDSOME Rick Lapa with lovely mom Marissa Lapa

JC is currently the president of the Fashion & Design Council of the Philippines. He has also served as presidential designer for two administrations. After the fashion show, we all had a hearty delicious dinner at Cru in Manila's Hotel. Their steaks and grilled seafood are the best in town.

Biggest names

Indeed, the local fashion industry has had a cavalcade of major events. The 2nd Philippine Fashion Ball collected the biggest names in the industry. The Philippine Blood Manila hosted a night of elegance and fun, with glorious encanto walks along a long black carpet as the entrance to the hotel's Bigodon Ballroom.

Style guru Raymond Gutierrez, premier model and PMAP president Pinoymodels Ramonito, and famed restaurateur Tita Pipz hosted the fashion extravaganza. The festivities opened with a generous donation to Philippine Red Cross

BONDING friends Ben Chan, Alice Eduardo, Sissel Lucas, Patrick Reyes, Jenson Sia-Diego (seated) Mandy Santos, Mona Ramos, Arnold Virgallito

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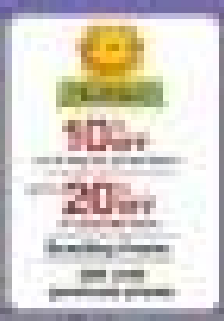

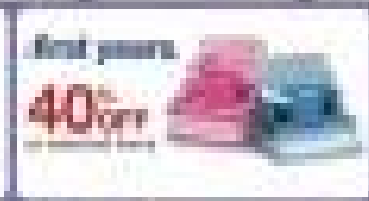

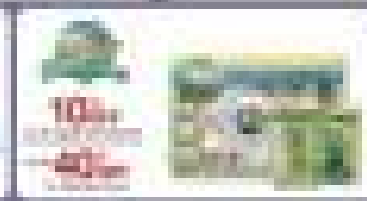

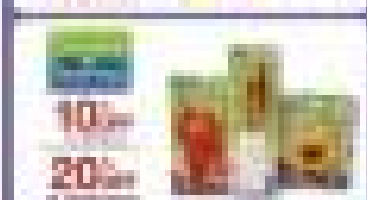

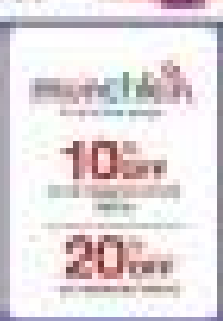

MARK and Sandy Higgins of Stim's accept the Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Tessa Prieto-Valdes, Joey Garrison and Junne Reyes, at the Philippine Fashion Ball.

SPECIAL Recognition for Excellence in Fashion/Direction awardee Manila Luzuriaga with presenters Maria Sprig, Cheng Sorongon Lucsa and Celine Magan Lopez

SPECIAL Recognition for Excellence in Fashion/Design awardee Cesar Gaspe with presenters Roelof Meeuse and Ali Sotto Lacuata

HOSTS Pinoymoda Ramonda, Tim Yap and Raymond Gutierrez share a cool welcome to owners Karen Pascual, Bobbie Carmona and Noel Monsod

TESSA Prieto-Valdes accepts the mask for Philippine National Red Cross from D+ marketing director Andrea Sy

Birthdays, anniversaries, fashion balls . . .

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Awards were given, such as the Schreiber Best Dressed of the Night, given to Olivia Ahrenkiel and Pauline Prieto, and the D+ Style of the Night, given to Mike Bansil and Angel Jacob. The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Mark and Sandy Higgins of Stim's.

The success of the night was made possible by the generous support of Belvedere, the world's first super premium vodka, entering the think of fashion fortified with the finest connections; and D+, the UK-based producer of revolutionary technology and the first, most purveyor of sleek, innovative and re-imagined weekends. @

Fashionable ceramic line

From fashionable style, we move to fashionable ceramic line. Elite Design Concepts has launched Ecocrat, a functional interior ceramic line created by expert Lisil Lim, an ex-stylist showroom on Dirigan Avenue, Greenhills.

Attending the opening were distinguished guests from Japan such as Ryoji Oshima and Yoshinori Tanaka of Lixil Corp. and Toshio Amano of Mitsubishi Corp.

Avant-garde showroom designer Noel Bernardo likened the place to that of a chic art gallery with its minimal aesthetics and modern design, showcasing Ecocrats as pieces of art. The specialty ceramic tiles have impressive features like water and color absorption.

Positive Pinoy values

It is also fashionable to promote positive Filipino values and social responsibility. Jollibee continues to do this through the 2nd Jollibee Family Values Awards (JFVA).

A remarkable discussion in Eastwood richmonds. Hard was done with the topic "The Filipino Family in the Digital Age." In friendly launch the awards for the five exemplary families. Jollibee chose family welfare advocates as panelists, among them lawyers and media personality Atty. Tonyboy, entrepreneur and proud mom Audrey Tan Yuchoco, marriage counselor Manfred Moore-Bonnin, and Jollibee MVP for marketing Albert Uriarte said.

They discussed the role of today's technology—such as social media, texting and the Internet—in shaping family values. Also joining the discussion was technology expert Jerry Liao of Globe Biz.

Jollibee Foundation president Grace Yao-Cuisbing will sit as chairperson of the Board of Judges. Completing the board of judges are Fr. Allen Abesat of the Center of Family Ministries, DSWD Undersecretary Alicia Bala, academician and columnist Dr. Quentin Love-Chua and Jollibee VP for human resources Theresa Jolin-

PHILIPPINE Couture Association Award of Merit—Christian Espiritu, Dipos Antonio accepting for Ben Farrales, Aurea Almeda and Raja Laurel for Jesa "Pinay" Moreno

ECOCRAT guests of honor Yoshinori Tanaka, Keiji Oshima, architect Noel Bernardo, Cynthia Almeda, architect Lor Cabeo, Ito Minami, Kenneth Cobonpue and Tubbs Amano

PATTY Chilip, Tessa Valdes, Arlene Co, Beng Dee

PAULINE Prieto to Chery Sumaya-Velit and Oliver Abrenica in Vintage Manuela for Belvedere Bar. Brand unveiled by Olga Amarras, chief representative for Moet Hennessy Asia Pacific

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LEX FLORES Restaurant chef Dan Vasquez and part owners Dan Allego and Ardee Barretto

EVENT realtors Jules Bakas, Jollibee Philippines president Joe Mizzie, and Jollibee Foundation president and chairman of the JFVA board of judges Grace Yao-Cuisbing

HUMMER at this year's JFVA board of judges' meetings and family reminder Maribel Sison-Olondriz, Imelda Abel Estrada, Author Yao-Zulueta and Jollibee VP for human resources Theresa Jolin-with Jollibee

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ANNA Arenas-Alonso spraying Evasure mist

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A non-collector's Filipiniana

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Researching in the National Historical Commission archives wasn't that friendly, not during Martial Law. They had the power to put on a 'reserved' or do-not-touch shelf any book they planned to use

(See also page)

MORE GRADE-SCHOOL readers fell into my lap from an unexpected source. My husband had a spinster cousin who spoke Chabacano and somehow took a fancy to me. Her name was Purita Ballesteros, and she had some connection with the Cavite City public school library.

She knew I was interested in Filipino guide school books. Whenever the library would inventories some really old and dilapidated copies, she would manage to snatch up a couple for me. That's how I completed my Dana Readers... some battered at the edges and needle-taped; I never knew whether to continue the thesis myself. Now I must say some departed book patriot.

Though my Filipiniana collection amounts to a a smidgeon, it was enough to satisfy my amateurish needs. If I had chosen my collection thesis bailiwick, so there'll The area of the "books" were once more-de-mail! They are seven copies of the old text names in the Lopez Museum, that our poor heart out! I have several local Zichtenkirc: the Pavels Manuscript of 1572; Antonius' "Superstitiones de los Indios Filipinos" by W.E. Retana, 1904; "The Non-Christian Peoples of the Philippine Islands" by Dean C. Worcester, the National Geographic Magazine 1913 [complete with contained sections of dollar-size inlets, worth to-read].

"The Religion of the Negros" by Jay Franklin Rechtin, Memoir Series of the American Anthropologist, October 1940; "Dress and Adornment in the Mount Province" by Monico Mansvelt-Beck, and several shelves more. I do have antique books of my own and a lot of reprints as

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Finally, a good night's sleep

We'd been keeping late hours since Robredo's plane went missing, been in awe of the whole funeral rite, and touched by the great outpouring of love and grief

Chit Roces

NOT QUITE THERE

AFTER the funeral of Jesse Robredo and the appointments of Leandro Mercado and Jesse Robredo to third terms, I looked forward to the luxury of a good night's sleep. Surely nobody up-prentices a good night's sleep like seniors.

We'd been keeping late hours since Robredo's plane went missing, been in awe of the whole funeral rite, and touched by the great outpouring of love and grief, in particular from a president who stood close by overseeing the search himself and kept him company until he was last to cross.

And the young surviving Cabinet: wow to me a couch dance-inspiring reverie, too. It's a Cabinet that lords off his example, a family like no other Cabinet I have seen before (oh...and here I seem to hesitate)—one of common values and ideals, a band of brothers.

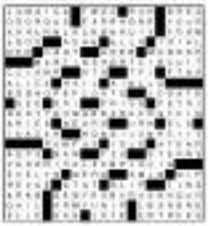
I used to telling their generation...our children, what to do and how to do it, and looking now at the presidents and his Cabinet, we are being shown up, it seems; they've come on their own as the long-elusive silver screen to the dynastic and regio leaderships that have come and gone and come again.

And all this seems to me to show itself in this one moment of commander in grief.

For some reason I was especially moved by the supreme effort Mar Roxas made to control his grief, turning away from the television camera at one time to a map behind him to point to the possible place his friend Jesse's plane had gone down—his eyes, hidden from view, certainly wet, judging by his trembling voice.

I've been taught that it is at times like this precisely that one's education and sense of propriety are tested, and that the gravity of true grief is extremely proper detail to its public display.

Compared to the copious tears pro-



ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD

duced by a senator in front of television cameras as he delivered his own metrical word, plaintively and ordered me to it happened, against the bi productive Health Bill, what contrast, indeed! Surely it helped that he was once himself a television and movie personality. He may expect more tears from him as he runs mayor of Pasay or vice mayor of Quezon City, but he dared become a favorite target by bloggers, inducing the his dubious self-righteousness and his unruly-tongue-in-cheek attributes a blogger's piece, but also taking it out of context to serve his purpose.

Kinder tears

The blogger has called him a "lying thief"; I shall call him by my grandmother's kinder term for the likes of him—*gaya nacorrect*, which seems to me to suit the idea that he may have played *duterte* once, and now finds the experience handy and blames the death of his infant on the *mal* counterspirits his subconscious.

Notice how down his hands are in all this? His research and ghostwriting staff is taking the fall. I only hope he can produce as many tears as can help that float out of the bottle he has dug for himself.

Before bedtime, I divested my thoughts in the lady now at the helm of the Supreme Court. She's something to smile about, given other characters on the dock list—although, still...I'd have preferred the one from academia, who did not even make it to the list.

But I'm fine with heroes, frightners years per to the retirement age of 70; she will be third justice beyond my own lifetime, unless I decide on past 90. Anyway by then, I'll be grappling with new desperate problems like sleeping awake, but I sleep on to kingdom come. At the moment, I'm just looking forward to a good night's sleep and a new day.

But, as June would often have it, I picked up the wrong book and the worst on that at bed..."Silver Assembly" by Woody Allen. Not only did it keep me up, it had me roaring like a lion so good to pass up.

I had stopped reading Woody Allen and watching his films after what he did to Mia Farrow—stunning off with her teenage adopted daughter, a Korean. I think I'm gone him after the first episode.

The problem with Woody Allen is he just won't quit. After his description of a bad hotel as "a pit shop on fire" and a date who "facially resembles Louie Armstrong's rotter," he now introduces me to "a stalker in denial."

Eventually, at any rate, joyous relaxation gave me my sleep.

A non-collector's . . .

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well. They served us good luck pressed for all the Filipinianas I was in private's face.

Everything I save, original or photocopied, curiosity or unnecessary has been useful to my children and grandchildren mainly because they were so accessible. I like to be able to read them on an easy chair or lying down, or on my stomach, or taking lunch, rain or shine, day or night. So do my progeny, I guess.

Faded ink

The risk of the early-copying machines has failed, and now I have to put the pages under a strong light to be able to read them. Anyway, I know they will still be readable while I live.

For the succeeding generations, all that will, only too soon, be available on Wikipedia.

I was a frequent visitor to the Lopez Museum library even when it was still located in Pasay, and he or on on Herrera Avenue. The new librarian—Elvie Severino and later the younger Merry Sevilla—were remarkable. They knew the contents of every old book in their idiosyncratic shelves and the newspaper files to their memory. They would go up ladders and dig up compilations and lay them before me for note-taking or photocopying. I don't know if they still make librarians as knowledgeable, helpful and kind as those two.

Remembering in the National Historical Commission archives Manuel's that literally not destroy Martial Law, I was by then publishing my own line of Philippiana books. One cultural topic happened to have to name as something dreams for a book (President Marcos was supposed to be writing. Of course it was to be ghost-written.

They had the power to put on a "reserved" so do not much did say book they planned to use...for no matter how long! That was quite a lot of books! A friend even told me that the bound, wrinkled on a slip of paper, "Do not show Gilda" in bed. (Imee Perez's unique handwriting. Was I so flattered to be considered a threat!

Two antique sketches to one of their old manuscripts were under duty tight guard then. They were drawings of the first and second Beers of a 17th-century bishop on facts (not documented elsewhere). However how when the ghostly ones would emerge in them!

It is good to have kind friends. Israel Rosales, born his Filipiniana and when to finish what I needed. And he hates undue compensation. He was dictionary with the librarian and just answered affirmingly as the forbidden box and seemed them to me. The forbidden drawings appear as "Philippine Ancestral Houses" (GCF Books, 1987); folklore, for everyone to see.

Bestseller

"Philippine Ancestral Houses" turned out to be a bestseller. Fernando "Boods" L. Zaide is and Mary is L. Bruno did its impossible work. Even after GCF Books closed shop, it was still a most requested title. But that was just a fluke. The run of my titles hardly made break-even.

I am often told how impractical it was to work so hard and spend so much money on producing such books. Where, you can do cheaper books and get your money back in a year or two.

All I can say is, where are all those quick revenue titles now? "Ancestral Houses" (now 25 years old) and any others in his still get endless requests for reprint.

Sorry, though, oldies don't learn, at least not about anything as smart and complicated as book distribution. Seriously I should be worried that there is a world of difference between a dedicated collector/publisher and a dedicated publisher/businessman. Only with huge, sophisticated publishing houses abroad is a combination of that possible.

I am also often asked, "Why are your titles not on e-book?" I don't. What's that? I find it stop-consciousness.

Next: Last word: A photo of Dr. is owned by Pilar Lagman Dr.

Concert at the Park shows

CONCERT at the Park is a regular monthly show held every Sunday at the Fitzal Park (Sam Ad Auditorium in Manila.

SUNDAY

Sept. 5—Kapisanang Ligaya Dance 21 from Sta. Maria, Bulacan, under the music direction of Alfredo Buenaventura

Sept. 9—A Tribute to Andrés Bonifacio

Sept. 12 (5 p.m.—52 Years of Music-Making, featuring pianist Ingrid Sala-Santamaria

Sept. 16 (3 p.m.—American Country Music, featuring visiting American band Act of Congress

7 p.m.—"Young At Arts," a musical theater presentation by Santinpala Theater Foundation

Sept. 30—Bands Batmanak with Sonny Vergara, conductor

Admission is free.

What makes a marriage withstand the test of time?

THE OTHER night at a fundraiser, a friend approached me and asked, "Why don't you write about people who stay married. Hmm who how being married?"

I was floored. I thought I had. Was it only a passing thought? Did I dismiss it because I honor privately little about what to say?

Have I been spending too much time homecoming the plight of the couples I know? Do the questions I ask, the things I write, say more about what makes it fail, than about what makes marriage work? Do my scars show?

I apologize.

Each one is like a river with a swift current that can sweep everyone in its path, drown and drag where wounds are buried and secrets hidden. I get cautious.

I know many who stay in a sad stage—not because they have to, but because they want to. They believe it is a place from to which. Today I celebrate them with love and, truth to tell, a tinge of envy.

Just for the record, I do believe in marriage. I revel with the sum on for married. When I hear about an engagement, hope soars in my heart. I cry at weddings. As soon as the bride enters, the floodgates open. It is a day full of promise. Sadness is forgotten, regrets set aside.

My inquisitive friend's eyes sparkle as we chat. Anyone would think she's on her honeymoon. But she and her husband have been married over 30 years. Deep in their heart they believe that their union is a gift from God.

I ask the same inane question most people ask about a successful marriage or of a person of age who still looks good (as opposed to falling apart). "What is your secret?"

My friend weaves no sacred amulet. Neither does her husband.

"There is no secret," she states. "But one must have inner peace. Only then can you give love joyfully to another person. There have been tough spots. When I was going through the change, I had mood swings. It was difficult."

Tailspin

Studies show that it is during menopause that women contemplate a divorce. One has reason to go on a tailspin. There are physical and neurological symptoms. Dr. Louann Brizendine, author of "The Female Brain," says, "The memory seems unplugs." The husband sees the changes in the object of his affection. Some experts call it the "midlife crisis" stage of a marriage."

By the way, this happens to men as well. Androgen decline is also a hormone issue and can spawn a midlife crisis. Whoa! Let's not even go there.

My friend continues. "I was super sensitive, unreasonably jealous. The stress could have prompted a lesser man to look for comfort elsewhere. My husband sought explanations to unravel. One family GP gave psychoeducational him on menopause and advised him to give me space and time.

"A few years ago, my husband had a quadruple bypass. I was frightened. Your tears have I mentioned and got a pacemaker. He call ourselves 'the heart-throbs.'"

Statistics have shown that even a stable marriage can crumble when confronted by a major illness. But their solution may reinstate each solid.

"We are together 24/7. Once a week, it's 'no' but. That could be lunch, a movie, or window shopping. We still sleep in the same bed. He talks in it. He pray together. He laugh a lot. We still hug and kiss. A lot."

I asked her to describe in one easy day in their life. I loved her answer: "Every day is extraordinary. It gift. We have learned to value life and was another. We have three beautiful children; they are our treasures."

Another friend runs a bride in her late teens. While many see this as a "kiss of death" for marriage, today she look it helped him and her "find out of college" husband to "grow up together."

Top priority

"One flew children to come quickly and close together. The budget was strained. I was busy trying to be a good wife and mother. We both needed a lot of patience. I learned to cook, keep house, and entered to our children while he worked hard to provide for us. He was still first and always considered my children and I as his top priority. I made sure to always be there for him, in all kinds of weather. It was not always smooth and sunny. Everyone gets bumps along the way."

Ruling stevie thats 50 years later, she does not remember having to try too hard to make it work.

"No matter what problems came up, I always believed in and focused on living happily ever after. Today when we see other marriages fall we realize that, but for the grace of God, it could have been us. We are thankful. Maybe our marriage was made in heaven?"

I know a wonderful lady married to a lovely, who never dun since they were married more than 40 years ago, they have we had a single fight. "Disagreements? Yes of course. But we have not fought, ever." She smiles happily while our entire Bible group seems to disbelieve.

What makes a marriage withstand the test of time?

Weathering the storms, and climbing the peaks and valleys together seems key. Rolling out the potholes and runs on the road, side by side, while enjoying the scenery once on the terrain. Keeping your sense of humor. Laughing together. Sharing the joys and woes. It means sitting up all night together, praying for your child's fever to break. It is holding hands nervously at a kindergarten recital. Rolling ground and teary-eyed at a college graduation. Going enough to bring out the best in each other, savoring the happiness even above years. It means falling in love with one another over and over again.

It takes two arms sweet listening to the vowel. Never giving up. Never!

Remember: "If we can try with every day to make it better, as it goes, with any luck there I suppose, the years never ends!"—from "How Do You Keep the Music Playing" composed by Michel Legrand, lyrics by Alan and Marilyn Bergman

Conchita C. Razon

MY CHAIR ROCKS

'Rizalapu,' the two-in-one hero

Mitoyong Orokulez

GUT FEEL

Our country had the best of two worlds —Lapu-Lapu's brawn and Rizal's brains

VOLUNTEER gives patients a serving of spaghetti, barbecue and tempting Shanghai.

CANCER children in worship.

STRICKEN with leukemia, Angelica from Balinga Apayao receives a blessing from the priest.

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Child Haus–home of indigent kids awaiting treatment–gets a new home

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During an impromptu program at the Child Haus, Clemente held Clare, 8, in his arms as he went onstage. He said Clare, who was stricken with hydrocephalus, needed to undergo six more chemotherapy sessions. Celebrity hairdresser and philanthropist Ricky Reyes asked Clemente, "Does he need a operation?"

A batong-clad representative from Hotel InterContinental then handed a check for P34,000 and quietly asked if Child Haus needed further assistance.

The immediate aid wasn't the only good news Clare's mom, Belen Dalisay of Child Haus, was in a celebratory mood. He announced to the staff and residents that Child Haus will move to a permanent home on Sept. 21 in Pinyahan, Quezon City, donated by Haus Sy, president of SM Prime Holdings. It is a seven-story, 70-style bungalow that can accommodate 100 child patients and their guardians. Sy bought and refurbished the property with his own money.

In an SMS message to Reyes, Haus said, "Your kindness is contagious. I want it to you. That's why I feel like sharing my blessings with you."

PEOPLE nurses, Tess Cura-Ramirez, Ricky Reyes, [center] Dr. Rachel Rosario

Morning Person

The new home is a boon after Reyes' years of philanthropic endeavor.

It all began in the late '80s when Reyes came to realize Living Magazine brought him to the Cancer Institute at the Philippine General Hospital. He ran, painted a program, "Look Good, Feel Good," to help women cancer patients fight depression. He taught them ways to wear a bandana over their balding scalp—tied, apply blushers and lipstick.

One day at PGH as he climbed down the stairs, Reyes saw a child crouching in pain after chemotherapy. Children screaming and crying were a common sight in the hospital. Seeing on his "motherly" instincts, Reyes requested the Institute to provide him a room, which he then converted into play area called Blessing Passion. He furnished it with toys and a TV set and hired a psychologist and a nurse to constantly prepare the children for their sessions.

Likewise, the Ricky Reyes Foundation subsidized the medications and medical supplies of some 400 young cancer patients every year.

Outpatients

On his frequent visits to the Cancer Institute, he also noticed that people slept on the corridor or the roof outside PGH. He learned that they were outpatients from the provinces who had no place to stay while waiting for their next procedures.

Reyes sought the help of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), which provided a building behind its office at the Quezon Institute compound. The PCSO-site gave a monthly P100,000 grant.

In 2005, the place became known as Child Haus— the acronym for Center for Health Improvement and Life Development, which has been working with government hospitals in extending patients to Child Haus. The children's rooms range from refurbishment turnover of the second to their bare Army lymphocyte limitations the most common ailment.

Including Reyes—laughter that a basic need has been provided. However, he observed that the parents still had no money for food.

So, through the years, Child Haus has evolved into a real home where the rundown, nervous "hallucinal words of encouragement and full, designed by a mechanism. The place has been running on the spirit of volunteerism.

Mothers took for the residents, teachers from Miriam College teach academic lessons. The parents of the children keep the premises clean.

Reyes subsidizes half of the cost of the lab tests, medications and supplies. "The parents should get the remainder. I don't believe in dole-outs. If you just give, they will be parasites," he says.

Notice of ejection

After seven years of rent-free operation, the Child Haus received a notice of ejection from the PCSO. The agency was moving to Manila, and the Child Haus building was deemed condemned. Although the ejection caused a stir in the media, the PCSO didn't offer a new place and stopped giving its monthly grant.

Amid the uncertainty, Reyes discovered that Maria Teresa Cruz-Bautista, wife of the Quezon City mayor, had been a client for periodic facials. He pleaded to have a prospective celebrity to source, but upon learning that the house would be occupied by cancer patients, they would refuse him.

Last year, he found a three-story building near Mindanao Avenue that could accommodate 90 people. Although the residents could buy members able, their health would be at risk when the basement got flooded during heavy rains.

"CHILDREN learn to sing, dance and play," says Ricky Reyes.

Enter the Sy family

Meanwhile, Reyes had been frequently visiting super-donor Sy. It was by who gave the beauty entrepreneur his break in all the SM malls. On one visit, he met Sy's son, Hans, who saw the media coverage of Child Haus' objectives.

Reyes asked if SDO, one of Sy's businesses, had a list of foreclosed properties. He proposed to pay the balance. After a couple of months, Reyes again met Hans who showed him some possible homes for Child Haus.

It took a few months for Hans to call Reyes and ask him to meet Reyes on news him at #8 Magnaquin Street in Quezon City. Reyes learned that all the while, Hans had been looking for a house, but the sellers would jack up the price when they learned the buyer was a Sy. The tarpaulin's scion finally found the perfect location at a good price.

Hans showed him the house, already white-washed and re-tiled. The bare shell maintained the original architectural details such as the adobe wall and ornate wrought iron pallisade. The large windows facilitated natural light and ventilation, which was perfect for the patients. Hans said the property was for Child Haus.

When Reyes asked him what his children's name was, Hans handed him the keys. "You take over," he said.

Reyes hugged him and later sent a text message to thank him. Hans replied, "You're very welcome, Ricky. That's the least I could do compared to your kindness."

New beginning

The house would be a new beginning for Child Haus. Reyes is proud but elated as was formed nine years ago, it has served over 9,000 patients, only 59 of whom had died.

"The terror that their lives were ordeal because they were able to complete their cycles. The kids stayed with us for as long as 18 months. All through their stay, they were fed. Friends and celebrities like Karylle, Gerald Geronimo and Richard Gutierrez would spend their holidays there," he said.

"Because of Lizzy (Magnaloc), I got this fan. God made her the instrument to show me what I could do for cancer patients. Then, here comes an angel in disguise who gave me a lasting home for these children."

Child Haus' regular patrons include Food for the Hungry which gives P50,000 monthly subsidy, and Reyes' foundation which also supports Morning Stroke. Customers of Ricky Reyes' salons are not aware that for every business of customers at the salon, a portion goes to Reyes' charities. Occasionally friends donate in cash or kind.

Reyes said at his stage in life, he's been spending 50 percent of his time on charity. He has sold his 2,300 sq m property in Valle Verde with its replica Versailles garden and swimming pool. "I got tired. What's the use of all those? The most important thing is to do the work for Him."

Careful . . .

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Aquarius

You need to concentrate on some issues in your romantic life that previously has been unspoken, perhaps taboo. Be kind and tactful. It's time for reconciliation. Family or old school reunions could be on your agenda too. Making peace, not war, should be at the top of your list of things to do.

Pisces

Your unsuccessful attempts do not mean you are a failure. You must see these experiences as a means of strengthening your resolve. There is a genuine feeling of ease in love matters, and this a favorable time to reward yourself emotionally. You may meet someone who is influential in assisting you to go to the next step professionally as well.

A new cycle of love for you

I just left my live in partner because he was too demanding. He also has 10 children from two separate marriages. He wants me to return, but I'm scared. What should I do? I am a Libran.

RENARIN,
E. LIBERTY

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You don't have to be a rocket scientist or even an astrologer to figure this one out! I think your ex has enough on his plate without making any more babies, wouldn't you agree? Trust me when I say you are not losing anything by moving on. A wiser cycle of love awaits you. Love this one. Don't worry!

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'Rizalapu,'

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charge, the kill or be killed finale of Lapu-Lapu in Mactan was heroism in its most naked and visceral form, the perfect antidote to the preconquistador portrayal of European chivalry and its military adventurers in Europe.

Rizal's pivotal march to heroic promise was no humiliation, but an act of fortitude before an enlightened public. The man in his legal and eloquent black attire was the most intelligent and eloquent freedom fighter in Asia. Rizal's pen was mightier than the sword.

Rizal served as the perfect model for future heroes wishing to rise away the yoke of a tyrannical and fanatical king. Bonifacio's leadership of the newly evolving nationalist committee under foreign rule. Truly, Rizal was the pride of the Malay race.

Our country had the best of two worlds—Lapu-Lapu's heroism and Rizal's heroism. Lapu-Lapu—a two-in-one brand for our freedom is restored.

Rizalapu—Filipino heroism unique in all the world.

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Letters from Ninoy

Jane Kuthley Castro

SHINE

I FIRST met Ninoy about 30 two years ago when I was producing and hosting "The Late Nite with June and Johnny," a talk show that aired at 10 p.m. Fridays on GMA Channel 7. It was a no-no production; I had to shoehorn appearances and GMA prevailed that at first, so at that time Freddie Garcia didn't believe that a talk show aimed at his would rate. Thankfully I was proven right, and it became so popular.

We had so many guests, even the notorious Nick Joaquin, and discussed almost every thing, dreams, prophecies, ghosts, marriage, careers. However, politics was avoided, of course. There would be nights when the station would relieve home after midnight to ask what topic I had discussed or, as Mitchell had said the PBC to pick up the tape of what was aired.

At that time, Ninoy's sister Lupita, the brilliant director of "Kung Ako'y Iiwan Mo" and film ("Ninoy's young Cantus Canto") and I were batta da, and would plan & change me during with Mitch Valdes. She would always talk about her brother, and the injustice of what was being done to Ninoy. This would just well up in the tops of our heads, so Mitch and I were more interested in reversing our fans and wearing them backwards so our hair would change!

Ninoy started sending me verbal messages about the show, through Lupita, but they were always followed by a bit out of mature. Then Ninoy began to send me letters. In the 12th Hitch and I were invited to a wedding, being to be in the same party as Red Sheeread

Dictator's bandwagon

By then Lupita was living in San Francisco, and I soon received a letter from Ninoy asking why I had joined the dictator's bandwagon. How could I tell him that it was all just to get a free ticket to the 10 with jacket money? Cheap bandage!

He asked if we could meet before Gloria back in Manila, and I met him at the residence of Tony and Patsy Gonzales in San Francisco. We talked of many things, but I remember clearly how he banged that he kept abreast of what was happening by having Philippine paper shipped, such that he and Eva would watch the variety shows over and over, and that "Sharade" was Gia Sharade. Sharade, who's his second and only second show biz. Unsure) engraved.

When we found he was coming home, our fans duly known as the Women in Media, decided to welcome him at the airport. "Pat Palma and I went in coming and were surrounded by the crowd and the yellow ribbons everywhere. Just as we walked up the driveway, there was a commotion and rumors that Ninoy had been shot began to spread. "Then Popoi Lacaba came rushing out crying, and then a somber, teary eyed Lupita came to comfort it.

The angry sadness and despair that followed me all well documented. I was with their family members to protect us, during the funeral procession, and the sea of tears that were resounding and overwhelming.

After the funeral, I went with Lupita to Times Street, as she was getting ready to fly back to North Cote evening. I saw Cory in the dining room attending to guests. All of a sudden a thought occurred to me. I turned to Lupita and say "Hilda, you know who can write to?" Cory? If she were, she will win!

Lupita looked at me and said, "Cory? Never. She hates politics!" The rest is history.

And those struggled messages were up to awake when our house burned down eight years ago.

Careful, careful, Angelica Panganiban

DesRichi Teoh

LOVE HOROSCOPE

ASTROLOGER A new cycle of dating is under way for singles. she should proceed with caution. Under the current lunisolar cycle, she will find her romantic expectations dashed. She must also take care of her health, as overwork may cause her to deplete her sources of strength and she will weaken her immune system. These things will come to pass during late 2012 and 2013.

Aries

Take your time and absorb as much knowledge as you can to become proficient in people skills at present. Read the body signals of others and you will see a completely different story. If you have been confused and pulled in different directions, this love strategy will be calling.

Taurus

Trying to establish what's truly good or bad for you won't be that easy. You're jam-packed to the square, but don't believe a myth that's going to you that work as you need it to be more convincing. Weigh the pros and cons first.

Gemini

You're tired of the old ways and want a fresh change. Your consciousness is growing and you are seeking unique new avenues of expression. If you are not living in good shape physically, you'll need to take some immediate steps to rectify that. Attention is initially a physical thing, right?

Cancer

Those you socialize with could end up stepping many from you if you get too secretive about your version of the truth. Dead carefully. You may be finding it hard to stick with the protocols of love that are in place, but they're there for a good reason, although not apparent.

Leo

It is a positive time to listen to other people's problems rather than superimposing your own bias on them. Being receptive seems to be the name of the game this week. You have to exercise your disciplinary side this week to make some time for fun at the right time.

Virgo

You can afford to be a little overzealous this week. You will fascinate others and give you the edge socially. Therefore, you may be unjust as the way out of your bonds is treating her part out, but feel comfortable in saying something. The best thing you can do is lead by example.

Libra

If your relationship has reached the point of no return, you need to decide if you want to go along for the ride or jump ship now. You have the opportunity to evaluate. If you're feeling dissatisfied with the status quo, don't. The planets conspire you to produce break ties with those elements of your life which aren't working.

Scorpio

Humility is your keyword this week where love is concerned. Analysis where you can gain the greatest mutual benefit. Discard activities which are time consuming but yield little. The planetary arrangements now mean you need to deal with financial issues. A legal matter may also now take a new turn.

Sagittarius

You have to showcase your talents if you ever want to become known for them. There's no point sweeping your abilities under the rug. Let them be known. If you're feeling imprisoned by some situation, you need to get away from the problem. Extending arms out to others, and it will do you a world of good.

Capricorn

You might go out somewhere only to find the atmosphere is worse than the one from which you were trying to escape. Beware, but that accepting invitation is not always easy. You may begin to desire a new life elsewhere, as the cycle also has some connections with endings.

GARFIELD

WHAT'S UP

Museo Pambata unveils September activities

THE MUSEO Pambata is holding the exhibit "Explore Singapore: Colors of Heritage," held with the participation of the Singapore Philatelic Museum, the show introduces the culture of Singapore to Filipino children. It opens Sept. 6 and runs until September 30 (S...

The museum will hold a storytelling workshop facilitated by "Kapit" Bonifar Pascua, celebrities, TV and theater actor, on Sept. 29. Registration fee: P1,500 for students and PT,200 for teachers (inclusive of meals and materials). "Ang Kuwento Ko," written by Renato C. Vidoso, illustrated by Ray Ann Bernardo and published by Lampara Books, will be read during storytelling session on Sept. 22, 10 a.m.

The museum will also host arts and crafts activities (Sept. 15, 2 p.m.), and a folk dance performance (Sept. 15, 10 a.m.).

Museo Pambata is at Roxas Boulevard and Isaluth Drive, Manila. Museum hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday and 1-5 p.m. during Sunday. Call (02) 1191 or 88 or (0905)... or e-mail info@museopambata.org

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Cobonpue designs a bar that's like an–enchanted forest

Grey Goose Lounge is the first in Southeast Asia

GREY GOOSE, the premium vodka from Frolet and owned by Bacardi, has opened its first lounge bar in Cebu.

It's the first of its kind in Southeast Asia, designed by Kenneth Cobonpue. The local distributor commissioned him to renovate a dance club at The Loft in Ayala Town I.T. Park into the Grey Goose Lounge.

"It's like a sophisticated version of an enchanted forest," said the designer. The walls and ceilings are covered with black mirrors for drama and give one a feeling of floating in a void.

COBONPUE 14

THE YOUNG George Ty dreamt of opening a bank that would not only make money but give money away.

How taipan George S.K. Ty found success –'I have the spirit of an ant'

"I could not speak fluent English and when people talked to me, I could only understand 20 percent," said the Metrobank Group chairman of his beginnings

By Anna Isabel C. Sabayrosa
Contributor

WHEN THE young George Ty was compared to an ant trying to move a mountain, he was then a 25-year-old businessman with a dream to establish a bank.

He had no experience in the banking

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How taipan George S.K. Ty found success—'I have the spirit of an ant'

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industry. The difficulty of securing a loan to complete the family-owned Rodriguez Floor Mills set off a resolve to put up a bank that would help people get funding for their businesses.

This resolution came to rid the Ty family lunch just a few weeks before the 30th anniversary of Metrobank. Older grandchildren approached the patriarch deferentially while the younger ones came to him playfully.

It was a weekend and the grilling mechanism of the Manila conglomerate appeared relaxed. He was even inviting sometimes humorously, other times quietly. But his wits merely engaged in sharing the journey that was an unselfish one's as that of the bank.

"When I was starting the bank, some people were not exactly optimistic. And they thought that it was too big [a task] for me," he said. "I didn't take it as an insult, nor even as a challenge, because who would believe in somebody like me, just in my 20s, with no banking experience? It was misleading not even a business group of people could do. I was alone."

He mentions the comparison to the lizard known for its dexterity.

"My later stories in Chinese about an ant that moves a mountain. Actually, it is not just one ant; it's a group, thousands of ants that move the mountain. In my particular case, I was just one small ant."

THE YOUNG George Ty (left) managed his father Marixenio's (third from right) floor mill as a 19-year-old general manager.

PRESIDENT Cory Aquino, who was chair of the Metrobank Foundation Advisory Board since the end of her term till the time of her passing, with other board members (seated) Antonio Alvarez, GSIS' (standing) James Go, Mar Roxas, former Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban, Cesar Virata, Washington SyCip and Domingo Lee

Good fortune

Ty was 19 years old when he began to build the floor factory. Funds are short before the work could be completed.

"We were in '60, people were calling it," he called. "That was considered a very big investment for our family. My mother pawned her jewelry to complete it."

Financial establishments were not responsive and unwilling to risk resources on someone with no credentials to run a business. Ty's father-in-law, Ty Gan Lay got a loan, it was paid back in a year.

"I was very lucky. The government declared import control. Flour importation was not allowed, only wheat."

The business took off and grew, period. Ty attributes some of the good fortune to luck.

"I was born in a small village in China. We were an average family. Chinese people believe in fortune tellers and someone went to the fortune tellers asking who among the children possessed good fortune, because he wanted to give boy a child. He gave me as the one and he said he was willing to pay 10 times the market price to buy me."

His mother Tylana, also known as Amali and later as Venecia, refused the offer. It would be less decades later before the aunt's disclosures were confirmed. By that time, his parents had immigrated to the Philippines and settled in Manila.

Discipline, hard work

The young Ty was raised on the values of discipline and hard work, which served him well when his father Norberto, continued the flour business to him.

It enabled him to surmount the lack of any industrial know-how and successfully manage the business, which eventually had assets amounting to $1 million.

The Chinese-Filipino businessman paraphrased another Chinese saying to describe himself: "Some people don't have a horse, so they use a cow or a donkey. Our family didn't have a horse, a cow or a donkey. They only had me. I was just like a dog, but I was able to pull the cart."

After the flour mill was operating on stable control, Ty pursued his interest of going into banking. It would take years before the dream of opening a bank was realized, but he went at it with a tenacity that impressed the powers that be.

"I could not speak fluent English and when people talked to me, I could only understand 20 percent."

Every month for several years, he would go to the office of then Central Bank Governor Andres Castillo, hoping for an appointment. "I was a nobody and it was very difficult for me," recalled Ty.

Finally, when Castillo met with the young man who had no patience nor side for dues, he found an unusual business philosophy. Ty wanted to open a bank that would do more than make money; he wanted to establish a bank that would give money to help businessmen and the community.

Metrobank was born in 1962. The next year, the Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co. opened at Plaza Calderon in Binondo.

Core value

From the outset, the trust of people who put their money in the bank was enshrined as a core value, in the office-wide knob "In God Hands. The Metrobank Story." Ty expounded on this value.

"We have to be worthy of their trust. If a bank is put up just to make money, it will not be successful. I did not go into banking to keep all the money of other people for myself. The bank is there to do good, to help other people, to help the workers. I never forgot that people trusted me with their money. As a banker, I take care of other people's money."

His emphasis on success in business and community contributions was outcropped not just in the services of the financial institution, which broke ground by going to the people and setting up branches for their greatest convenience, but also in creating the Metrobank Foundation (MBF).

This philanthropic arm of the bank has contributed to education, healthcare, visual arts and public safety through its flagship programs and grantmaking.

MBF founder Washington SyCip said, "In many areas, Metrobank has set an example not only for other financial institutions but for all economic entities in the country. The Metrobank Foundation has encouraged excellence among scholastics, poloticians, athletes, artists... Metrobank can claim national leadership in corporate social responsibility."

When George Ty was named one of Forbes magazine's Heroes of Philanthropy in 2008, the distinction recognized "in less than being listed among the country's wealthiest men.

International reach

Fifty years later from the opening of the Binondo branch, GSIS's assets has gone international, to sectors beyond banking.

The Metrobank Group has considerable stakes in real estate, power generation, life insurance and the hospitality and automotive industries.

Ty's sons Arthur and Alfred have assumed much of the responsibilities in the businesses, even as the patriarch remains involved and bestowed recognitions grounds and expansions.

"We can grow bigger and better," he said, showing the same spirit that has propelled Metrobank to remarkable strides in 50 years.

Recently, the public offering of GT Capital Holdings, launched with overwhelming success, something George S.K. Ty took as an indication of the continued trust of the people in his business acumen. The revelation that he donated from buying more stocks and spending a few more billions was consistent with the bank's philosophy.

"If we get everything, we are not giving other people a chance," he explained.

About MBF, he said: "The foundation needs to continue to grow. We can spend more money now and do more for the community."

It is a preoccupation that energizes him. He looks back at the analogy between the ant and himself. "I have the spirit of an ant. Ants work together. They never give up. I have very good people and we are working together to move these mountains."

THE FIRST Metrobank uniforms were made of light beige batiste fabric, cut in the Asian style made famous by American First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy.

METROBANK Group Vice Chair Antonio Alvarez and Metrobank Foundation's Chito Salonga present GSIS' the Ahoi awards won by the Metrobank Foundation, including the Grand Ami, the highest award given by the Public Relations Society of the Philippines.

THE YOUNG Banker with President Olimdelo Macapagal

A night for building

Help save Manila Bay from reclamation

It was a TRULY stellar night as government and business leaders and PR giants came for the launch of Filipino-Chinese history author Yu Beng Lim's book "I Build My Philippines" coffee table book held at the Peninsula Manila Hotel last week.

Vice President Jejomar Binay was the evening's guest of honor and was the first to receive a copy of the book that sentimentalizes the milestones and prime movers of Metrobank's four-year "I Build Campaign," who gave a lifetime award for 1895's Filipino pioneers and supporters: Don Miguel and now Manila Electric CEO Ramon Ang and Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman.

They received plaques from 1978 chair of the Capital Campaign Cabinet for Metrobank Foundation Inc. Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala and board member lawyer Sarella Salvador and the global chairs of 1978 Capital Campaign Cabinet Rose Seneffiger.

Rep. Manny Pangalos (the People's Champ) likewise gave a Speech that had everyone laughing, especially when he spoofed Vicki Belo and said, "Vicki, I love you with the love of the Lord!"

One of the event's highlights were the production number of Beth Lodronio with Bukas sa Langit members Kim Alvarez, Chris Garlic Garcia, and the Pots' very own Stephanie Cheng.

Lim was also busy with all of you...send the new one! for book orders and inquiries on *Habitat for Humanity*, please contact Alex Aberia at 9982177.

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Hot new resto

The culinary scene has been so interesting these past few months with the entry of several new key players. Of course, you have your staples, which happen to be my favorites as well: Saba, Saba Islands, People's Palace, Cibo, Ilustrado, Abe, El Grido and Manam'is. But check out these new interesting places.

Over at Bonifacio Global City (BGC) General High Street, there are standouts like Nielle Chu and Jessie Boyson's take on the Cuba Club for coffee and desserts, as well as Aamba Juice for a quick and healthy fix. Over in Rockwell, Apt 1A and Lolo are packing 'em in. My number one pick is Madam Sonoy's Marmor, and soon to open in Greenbelt 5, for the culinary genius Margarita Forres.

Back in BGC for the two new players that have given everyone else a run for their money: Mr. Shawarma is the delicatessen with an NYC sensibility, direct design that fits so well with the BGC's mega city look; and Lai Horse, a Spanish restaurant with a big cosmopolitan feel.

Ok, here is many talented chefs have so many awesome concoctions, one just wonders what the Philippine culinary landscape is shaping up to be. Well, I heard that celebrity chefs Chele Wolfgang Puck, Todd English are coming soon to explore Ayo everyone's taste buds and push our gastronomy delights to an even higher level. Can't wait!

Save Manila Bay!

I just came from Singapore, where I was again fascinated by the efforts of the government and the private sector to provide open public places for the people. They have especially embraced reconditioning Sentosa Singapore with Gil Gruppetta, showing a great tourism for those foreigners.

I am hopeful that we can do the same thing in Manila. For re-

KIT and Fernando Zobel

ample, there's a public clamor on Facebook and Twitter to save Manila Bay from further land reclamation, to the area between the Cultural Center and the CCP Embassy. The petition "SOS: Manila Bay...Its is Reclamation, Save Manila Bay" says that Australian group has been granted 268 hectares of land in the area. Its question is to be included.

Presenting its case, the petition states: "In addition to blocking the view of the sunset from Malate and Ermita, the reclamation will worsen floods, endanger the tourism area along Roxas Boulevard, destroy the potential of our historic Baywalk, remove 20 vital anchorage berths for ships and, most of all, take away from us a wonderful sea all to see."

Sunset on Manila Bay is a spectacular experience, and it's free for all to enjoy. Let's all work to enhance this great asset rather than destroy it. Make a weekend sign the petition by going to http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/sos-its-a-s-manila-bay-save-our-sunset-stop-the-reclamation-of-manila-bay. If you want to know more about the issue, go to https://www.facebook.com/savemanilabay.

Time to shine

I recently came across some good news in an article by the *New York Times* hailing the Philippines as "The Economic Bright Spot in Asia." The article states that the Philippines is the 44th largest economy in the world, according to GDP. But if the current trends hold, it can leap to No. 16 by 2050."

This got the thinking of Chairman Emeritus Jaime Zobel. If the Philippines will have to pursue its corruption-free, have no pollution and traffic, then this truly is a cause for excitement. But the harsh reality would be that I will probably be in my 90s, too old to fully enjoy life and sense, won't be able to enjoy a bright Philippines with my loved ones.

But it doesn't matter. At least there will be a generation of proud Filipinos who will and be empowered to take ownership, a responsibility which I believe to be a first world citizen.

He haven't had this much optimism since the historic People Power revolt in 1986. It's time to see our country as others see it: "in a bright spot." If you want to share, let's all do our part in making this nation great again!

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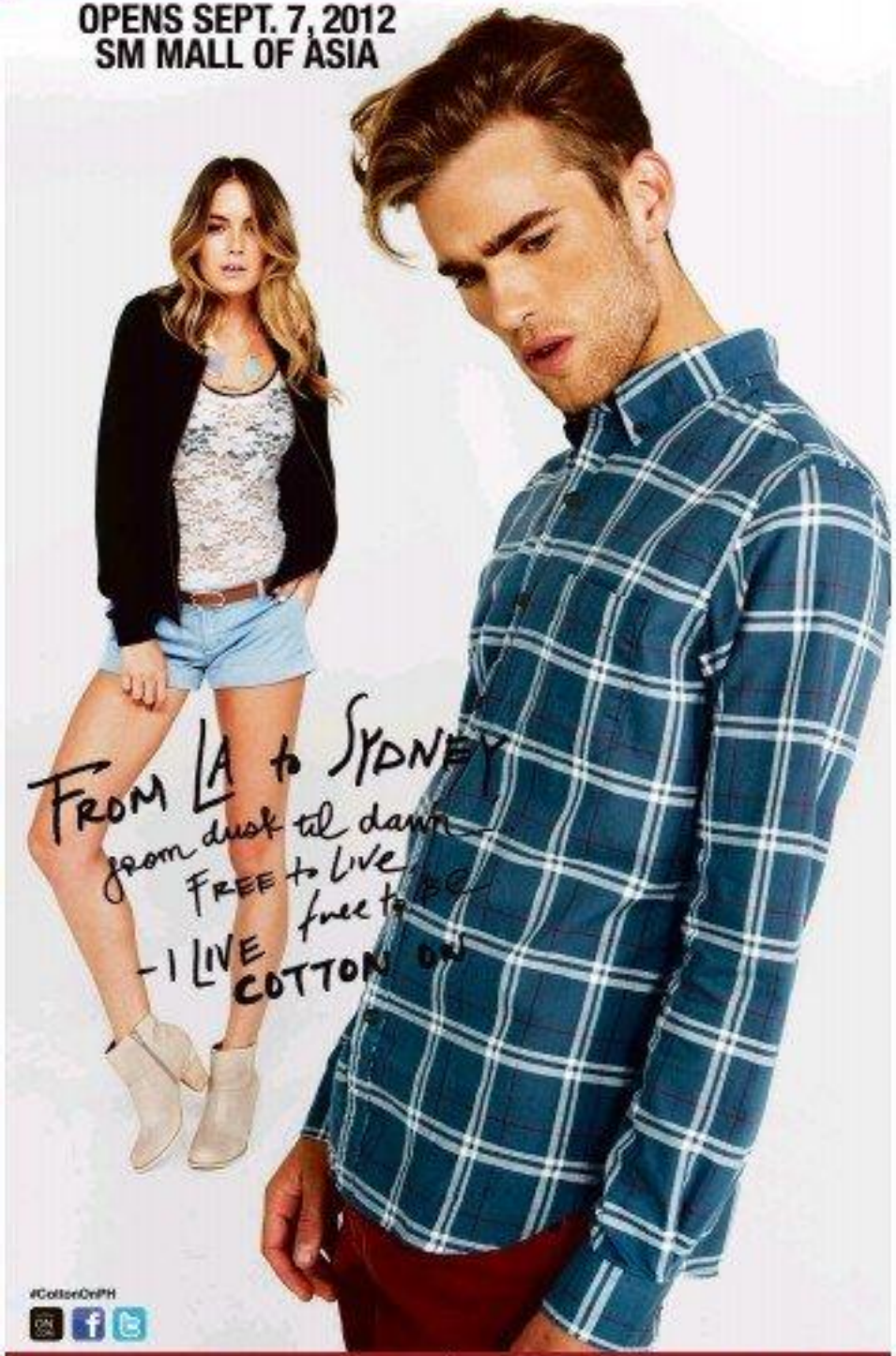

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EDWARD Dizon Jr., Kenneth Lee (CEO of the Loft Group), Kenneth Cobonpue, Bobbie Campos (events manager for Grey Goose), Rachel Layne and Ana Medalla

THE LOFT'S main room lights by Kenneth Cobonpue, furniture by Ana Medalla and Rachel Layne; main design by Ana Medalla

Cobonpue designs a bar that's like…

From page E1

The design uses a lot of rare wood, rattan and polished metal to bring out the contrast against the darkness of Cobonpue's signature. Hanan has stools upholstered Reverent in black leather. "They look like Hitman on a tripod," said Cobonpue. "Planters made of leather cover a container out of the walls."

Candlelights flicker like fireflies in the hotel. Because of all the mirrors, you get the feeling that there's light above and all over," said Cobonpue.

A custom-made swing, plus Chiquita stools, whose seats are made of rattan poles on a metal base, cover an acoustic. Tables and each are arranged in small islands for conversation so the evening goes on, they are removed to open space for a dance hall.

Mercy C. Enriquez

COBONPUE'S lighting helps define the Loft's ambience at right. Below, guests at the Loft party and opening of Grey Goose lounge.

SUDOKU

Complete Sudoku

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Answer to previous puzzle

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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD By Frank A. Longo

WHAT THEY SHOULD HAVE STARRED IN

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Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to the Inquirer, P.O. Box 2363 Makati Central Post Office 1261 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be published depending on space availability and in accord to the queries.

BERNARTE-ALBARICI

Butch M. Bernarte and **Michelle B. Albarici** will exchange vows on Sept. 9, 12:30 p.m., at the Nuestra Señora De Gracia Parish, Tiaki Resort Inc. St., Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City.

BABOL-DAJAL

Rodo Marvin L. Babol, son of Domingo and Magdalena Babol, and **Daisy Jane M. Dajal**, daughter of Eleuterio Sr. and the late Angelita Dajal, at the Nuestra Señora De Gracia Parish, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City. A grand reception followed at The Princess Ballroom, The Good Earth Hotel (formerly Aberdeen Court), Makati Ave., Makati City. The décor and lacquerine themed event was coordinated by event specialist Alec Ibarra of Events Plus.

MACASAET-NUNEZ

Raybert Macasaet, son of Roberto and Normanda Macasaet, wed Antonio Nunez, daughter of Arsenio and Amy Nunez at the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church in Rizal, Cavite. A grand reception was held at the Tejeros Grand Ballroom, Strand Cove Hotel and Leisure Park, Cavite. The fairytale-themed wedding was coordinated by events specialist Alec Ibarra of Events Plus.

Nurturing our inner pearl and sharing our light with the world

"It was long ago and far away. The world was younger than today..."

—Ni Inverness, "by three tri...

THIS FIGHT SCHOOL Facebook page of late has been inundated with photographs of our younger, more innocent selves. My Maryknoll (now Miriam) high school class marks its pearl anniversary—50 years old!—next weekend, Sept. 8.

I am 17 when we trooped to Chat Peppod's Pinay stable to have ourselves immortalized in photos.

Thanks to technology and the patience of that year's organizer, the photos now find a new home on digital pages, forever preserved on the worldwide Web.

Thirty years! Many things have changed, but some things remain. The black-and-white photo of us installing the bar opened a floodgate of memories.

For one, there were no reality price for the minor day dad had passed away six months before that photo was taken. Moreover, my braces had not yet met with razor, laser upon laser. The result is the beautiful and lustrous pearl.

There are cultured pearls and natural pearls. The only difference is that with cultured pearls, the foreign object is carefully implanted in the oyster. In both cases though, the oyster is left to its defenses, producing the pearl within.

Majority of my high school batchmates now live in foreign shores. Their cries pierced our hearts and how have our eyes turned pearly and how have our eyes become tropical and pensive from been shaped by them?

What I know for sure is that irritants will come and go, but what is more important, and what best defines the luster of our pearls, is how we respond to such irritants—illness, loss (financial, emotional, death), separations and broken relationships, etc.

Luster is the amount of light that a pearl reflects—both from its surface glow and as an inner light. After 30 years, one realizes that although external trials are important, more important is the cultivation of an inner light.

In the years that have passed, we ask ourselves—are we kinder and more patient now? Have we become more tolerant, compassionate and forgiving? Have we become braver and more courageous? Have we grown and evolved from the reckless and impulsive 17-year-olds we once were? Or have we remained the same?

The lesser the quality of the oyster, they say, the more repair the pearl's luster. I suppose after 30 years, the quality of one's "luster" would be directly proportional to the way one accepts wholeheartedly the sad, sour and disappointments of life.

After 30 years, one learns to be still, like the proverbial pearl in the oyster, and embrace willingly all that life has to offer. But emerge out of the darkness that sometimes plague our inner lives into a world where hopefully our light will graciously reflect the light of others.

Miriam College's alumni homecoming theme this year is "O Yahweh—Go Light Our World," and takes its inspiration from what the Maryknoll nuns taught so many years ago on our sprawling and verdant Katipunan campus: That in our own little ways, we need to be a light to the world that is hurting.

Best-selling author Marianne Williamson in "A Course in Miracles" puts it perfectly:

"We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us, it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

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ROOTS AND WINGS

Cathy Rubio Gubatlit

THE AUTHOR'S high school photo

Batch 1982 of Maryknoll marks its pearl anniversary with gratitude and hope

How we become hypocrites by being less than good children of the Father

By Fr. Tito Caluag
Contributor

No one can defile our integrity except our own free choice

THIS SUNDAY'S Gospel delivers a very clear message. In Sunday, it is a knock-out punch. In baseball, it's a home run; in tennis, an ace; in basketball, a lay-up; in golf, a hole-in-one.

To the question of the pharisees and scribes, Christ has a clear, definitive, answer: the traditions these hypocrites, and defilers/hypocrites using the prophecy of Isaiah.

The word "hypocrites" has an interesting etymology. Its early meaning refers to an actor engaged in a dialogue, or one who converses according to a script.

If that came to mean a person devoid of sincerity we are just in what he says, but also in what he does. Simply put, it is someone who lives his/her life without sincerity or integrity.

Christ's critique is about how the pharisees and scribes have replaced with human precepts God's commandments. He says that nothing from without can defile a person, what is within is what defiles a person.

One of the things I distinctly remember from our Old Testament classes was how our professor emphasized that all the laws and commandments in the Old Testament were based on one covenant: "I will be your God and you will be my people." This Old Covenant was replaced by Christ when God became "Our Father," and we become his sons and daughters.

We realize how this covenant is very much relational in nature. As we move from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant, it becomes even more personal.

Personalization

This personalization of the covenant is centered on Christ. He is the New Covenant. Thus, it is no surprise that Christ wasn't enough in how the pharisees and scribes have distorted the nature of the covenant by replacing with human precepts the commandments of God. It is eliminating the core of religion and spirituality: our personal relationship with God.

Take this danger, and we realize that our sunday/daughter/soul is portrayed what Christ, which is, "This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." It is guided by the Triune God and the Incarnation. It is a relationship of unconditional love.

When we are to defined by our being beloved sons and daughters of our Father, God. This lies in our core, in our being, in our core. This is the integrity of our person.

The fault we to a better understanding of what Christ means when he says only what comes from within can defile a person. No one can defile our integrity except our own free choices.

Our core

Integrity is our core that cannot be divided because its bedrock is free choice—our free choice.

I have shared with you a few weeks back how I have recently gone into a downsizing in my life. I felt betrayed by some events the past months and, as what some enemies to life do to us, such accompanies brought back unhealed past betrayals.

I have to admit that this event became the path of healing, to seek my wholeness again; to reconnect with my integrity, the core of my sunday, my being a beloved son of the Father. It was going back to who I am and what my mission is—my "calling."

I told myself, "Back to being a teacher!" This was an identity and mission I discovered 32 years ago. I fell in love with it. It healed me. It inspired me. It made me take the journey I have taken—by choice, by free choice...over 32 years ago.

Shared pain

In 1980, I sat in my classroom. I'm assisted my 4th of the Misamis Occidental High School Class of 1981. If I am not mistaken, it was right before the examinations for their fourth year wing.

In the solitude of the classroom of 40-plus students, there we sat, myself and one of my students, while the rest of the class was either on their recess or lunch break in our food joint house. There we sat, the two of us, united by a shared pain.

On that first year of teaching, in meeting the fear of five or six students from that class who had come from a broken family like me. I shared my journey to them, and in this relationship and slowly, through the years, discovered or rediscovered my integrity.

It came at the moment when he broke down and cried. He had chosen not to let our years of pain wrestling them in freedom. Through those years, simply being present to him.

I trusted in my self-him, but the best I could do was to tap him on the shoulder and say "Relax my boy. Anyone is cool. I know how it feels."

Then we shared the silence and, perhaps, embarrassment in the young man, the tears.

It was in such a moment that I realized and chose to dedicate the rest of my life to counseling. Or, in the words of Fr. Frank Duffy, SJ, to "help the people of the high school discover Christ in their life."

In the words and thoughts of many writers, it was a moment of GRACE. I chose freely to be a teacher, or at the moment of grace because I knew it was what God wanted me to do. It was his way of telling me that this was how I was to be His beloved son.

Many blessings

Since then, the past 32 years have been filled with blessings. But life is not a cause and for all we more of grace, because we are its heirs.

As my colleagues and ex-ex-I is pick on Sir, that is, ex-Jesuit, I would call we were this life as his most loving, as SERVANT, but along the way we become human DOERS by developing personalities. At a certain point, the moment of grace makes us realize we have to go back and become human BEINGS again; to reinvigorate.

But it is not simple to reinvigorate. Despite moments of grace when we catch a glimpse of the mission, God sends us into the world. But that point where "your deep gladness and deep hunger of the world" meet, we continue to falter.

As many spiritual writers say, our spiritual journey is a spiral process. We touch on the same issues over and over again, but at one we do, it makes us go deeper, makes us more whole. We reinvigorate more. We become free and make choices with greater freedom.

It is no hurt downturn, I realized I had no one else to blame for my most except myself. My choice I made myself, not marked by freedom led me to mistakes and suffering. It may not seem to be bad and sinful on the surface, but the lack of freedom will always do to our free choice.

There is only one choice that is free—to choose to be a beloved son/daughter of the Father; to choose to live out with great love and a great soul the mission God has for me. For me, it is to be a teacher; to help others discover Christ in their life.

Great freedom

I look back and realize, because I finally admitted it without any excuses or rationalizing, that I at many gay interviewable and more up-to-date because of God's mission for me. I become a hypocrite when I play other roles not true to my being, a beloved son, not true to my being a teacher and not helping others discover Christ in their life.

As the disciples said, "This does all to him—can't tell he true."

There is nothing from without that can defile us. It is only what comes from within that defiles.

This is how great the freedom God has given us. It is our ability to choose with love or to choose to be our integrity. When we choose not to be faithful to our true self, we become hypocrites like the pharisees and the scribes.

I catch a glimpse of a young man talking to another young man to the activities of organizations. The young man breaks down and cries, expressing the suffering and pain of a 32-year journey. The other young man taps him on the shoulder and its silence communicates, "Relax my boy. I know how it feels."

He has always been with me—faithful, loving, provides really present always.

I have rediscovered Christ in my life after 32 years of first hearing I am a beloved son.

Her affair may have saved her marriage

We maintained a no-commitment and fun relationship that spiced up my life for a while

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR EMILY,

I've been married 23 years to a lovely, I am no beauty, but I always made people laugh and am friendly to everyone I meet.

What made me marry him? He was this gorgeous classmate in college who was a campus heartthrob. He came on to me, and I couldn't refuse him. He was thoughtful and he'll pick me up in his little car, and bring me home after school. He loved to crack jokes or make comments that were so corny, but he was a very good provider and, back then, I was content to depend on our children and their activities. All of them did well in school and are now on their own.

It was when our house became so empty (not that my husband's being away got magnified. I felt I was becoming in this full-time marriage. We had an annulment, not just the sex, at all. All these added up, and I jobified a long time to separate from him.

Then, I met a man on online our husband. He was a very funny and really nice guy, albeit married. We maintained a no-commitment and fun relationship that spiced up my life for a while. When we broke up three years later, I moved on and settled quietly in my new role as grandmother.

One day, my husband came up to me and broke down. He had come from his doctor and was told that he had Stage 3 of prostate cancer. He was afraid he was going to die soon, and wanted to ask for forgiveness from everyone, including me.

He said he had had an affair with a colleague of his for over 20 years, but he broke it up when he found out I had an affair. He said he didn't want to go to hell. I told him that if God can forgive, who am I not to? And left it at that. I didn't get angry at him. I just kept thinking if he survives he found me in leaving on his own.

Now that he has made his confession, should I also make mine? I don't feel guilty at all. I saved our marriage by having that affair!

—Wife with a fantasy

It sometimes takes three to make a marriage. Or four. But nobody will admit that except those who seem into it and succeeded in saving their marriage. If there is a breather and just as a jumping board for an affair or relationship. It can be devised as just stepping away from a difficult time and looking at it from a closer perspective. And when you're ready, you can go back in again and even realize that your marriage wasn't so bad after all.

Some people don't really want to throw away double-long relationships, but they're in a very toxic environment in them. This momentary diversion allows one of them to cool down and appreciate something he or she may have been ready to walk away from.

Making a confession is a very personal matter. Nobody can advise you to do it. Nobody can push you to make one for any reason. You're the only one who lives with your conscience and knows what it can and cannot take. Stop seeing though, from the Father-than-Thou. Some they already have reserved seats beside St. Peter, they may discover you cool with their righteous indignation.

Any decision you make in between you and your Creator.

Send your letters to emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph or emarcelo03@gmail.com, subject: Lifestyle. Letters to my anonymous program on DWIZ, 1242kHz, daily 5-6 p.m., or on http://dwiz.com.1242kHz.blogspot.com.

Bingo affair to benefit center for abused women

SAGIP, a 24-hour crisis center for abused women and children, victims/survivors of physical and sexual abuse, will hold its annual charity bingo, slated on Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m., at the main ballroom of Ayala Alabang Country Club.

Aside from raising funds for the crisis center, the project will also benefit Sagip's other programs such as its Help Desk and Referral Service, which provides assistance to women and children who are victims of assaults/abuse and violence; and Satsay Kata-Counsel which counsels in 24 public and secondary schools, in partnership with the Department of Education, Metrobank Foundation, Inc., Bankard, Megaworld, Blackbox and Super Toothpaste.

Bingo tickets are priced at P400 each. For inquiries, call Adelle de Guzman at tel. 840-67-13 or 0927-7023399.

Writing workshop for kids

Creative writing workshops for children and young adults will start on Sept. 8 at Writers' Bistro, 103 Legaspi Street, Legaspi Village, Makati. Interested participants may call tel. 8883370, 8183675, 4045420 or 0918-4200, or e-mail christinetuason@yahoo.com.

Ma Maison offers special treat on Sept. 3

Ma Maison ("My Home," in French), has launched new dishes. If you dine and order any item on the new menu, you'll get 50 percent off on your total bill. It is a one-day only special offer from 11 a.m.–10 p.m. on Sept. 3 at the Greenbelt 3 branch.

New dishes include Teriyaki Satay Chicken Teriyaki, Salmon and Tempura Teriyaki. It also has Beef Skewers Teriyaki, among others. For inquiries, call tel. 7250022.

Filipinos in Guam welcome Our Lady of Manaoag; Kapampangans in Los Angeles mark fiesta of Remedios

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Limtiaco

MUSIC TENOR Samuel Aurora of the Pentecostal Choir sang Salvadore's "Ave Maria," the flowers bedecked carriage bearing Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag was borne in a procession to the altar of the Church of Inarajan in Sumay, Guam.

Behind him, Our Lady to the altar were Msgr. Brigido Arriola, parish priest, and Fathers Karl Nix, Rudy Arquiza, Mario Orca and Sal Rodriguez.

The congregation, which included the Archbishop of Pangasinan, was moved to tears. In the processional were Philippine Consul Gary Aurelian and Lolita Gagarino, president of the Pangasinan Ladies Club of Guam.

Everyone was moved, to say the least, by the image of Our Lady of Manaoag is here to stay in St. Anthony de Padua & St. Victor Church. This is her new home."

Edna Duane Toral of Mangilao, Guam, has been donating the dress and mantle of Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag since 1996 to churches after she was healed of complicated ulcers in 1994, a miracle she attributed to the intercession of Our Lady.

She donated the first image to the Archdiocese of Agana's St. Joseph in Membao City in 1996. Since then, she has donated 100 icons to churches in the Visayas and Mindanao.

In 1999, after news about the Mandaue endorsement, Sen. Elizabeth Arroyo of Guam went to and asked for the donation. But the request were unheeded for 16 years. Toral recently had a dream of the Virgin of Manaoag telling her, "Bring me to Guam."

Fr. Patricio Apa, OP, former parish priest of the Manaoag shrine in Pangasinan, approved the donation.

So 1 wrote Consul General Reynel Hangbilan of Guam if the Philippine community would accept the donation. "Please bring her," he replied.

Divine intervention

Peacemaker Chief of Ilagan, Isabela, came to sing in the Guam celebration. The must have been the result of divine intervention.

Aurora Luis of IM Luis Medical Center, and president of the Barangka and Friends Foundation, had offered to bring the choir to Guam at her expense.

But the real miracle was that all 11 choir members were given US visas in short notice. Mgen F de la Peña, leader of the group; Samuel G. Aurora Jr.; Clemente C. Nisay; Reynaldo R. Lucena; Dominador M. Galacinao Jr.; Aristo Bonoli; Melia Ann Bonoli; Dr. Vincent Christopher Aurora; Jaime L. Lapa, Isaac; Jeannette A. Miranda, organist and musical director; Joanna Marie Paz B. Aurora; and Elizabeth S. Elias.

Another miracle was that Al Arriesgado, sculptor of the image, was given his first US visa in 1, too, had a difficulty getting a visa, so I prayed to Mama Mary and to her saints, so in and behold, it came in the morning of Aug. 15, feast of the Assumption. Meanwhile, his friend Ali Nick Cuesta had his flight cancelled on Aug. 15 for United Airlines.

Our Lady's host

For the first time, United Airlines had an image of the Virgin Mary as passenger because Toral and her son Rodney Cruz, also a airline officer, fixed for seat at the back of the plane, gracefully covering her with blankets to prevent damage. On the seats beside her were Marco Toral and Dr. Gardenia Lumanlan.

Arrival in Guam

On a wheelchair, Al Arriesgado carried the image on his lap through immigration and out the airport. Consul Aurelian brought the image in the van, taken for a one-day stay, so the small could be blessed.

Aurelian was very happy because he said he could never visit her in Mangaldan. Say nice as Guam would have it, she was able to make it to Guam.

We would like to thank the executive officers of the Pangasinan women's club for making our Guam visit meaningful: Lolita "I" Gagarino, President; Divina Matt, Stella Marquez, Lily G. Arriola, Jean Melchianco, Analie B. Sese, Elaine Quino-Rivas, Thelma Serrano, Lilia A. Dano, Alli Mae Invinder-Aquino and Venetia Rivas.

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Also thanks to Tita Nelly Tiu-any, a retired nurse; to Lucia Arriola Stiles, a retired Associated Carmelite; Angie Roman and Magnolia Marquez for the despedida breakfast they hosted on the Sunday we left Guam.

Virgen de los Remedios

Filipinos and Latinos will celebrate the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and 66th Canonical Coronation Anniversary of Virgen de los Remedios on Sept. 9 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, California.

Bishop Nelson Michael of San Jose, Nueva Ecija, will officiate in the concelebrated Mass at 1:30 p.m. This year's hosts are the Ajuals and Montes, Sampan, Associations of Southern California.

Padre Pio shrine

Lipa Archbishop Ramon Arguelles will lead the blessing of the altar, sacristy and Adoration Chapel of St. Padre Pio Shrine in Sto. Tomas, Batangas, Sept. 1-2, 3 p.m. Mass is on 6 p.m.

Fr. Jun Gonda, parish priest, is inviting everyone, especially those who have been healed through the intercession of the saint, to go for thanksgiving and share their blessings. Contact him at 0917-3272864.

Happy birthday, Mama Mary

The Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Quezon's Rose, Bacoor, will celebrate the Nativity of Mary with a Mass on Sept. 8, 8 a.m., with Fr. Tony Boza and Fr. Manny Colmenar concelebrating.

The Diocese of Pantabangan will celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Canonical Coronation of Nuestra Señora del Buen Suceso on Sept. 8 with Masses at 6 a.m., 12 nn and 6 p.m. Bishop Cirilo Almario will officiate the 6 p.m. Mass.

Also, Bishops in Nation Building for the Catholic Church will hold a forum on Sept. 9 at Cardinal Sin Hall in Antero, Loyola Heights.

Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio G. Tagle will speak on "The Church's Participation in Nation Building." Contact Mitzi Bernal at 0919-9936229.

Believe it or not, PH hosts world's 2nd largest Swiss overseas community

CEBU CEBU

Juliet Picornell

THE CEBU CHAPTER of La Chaine des Rotisseurs held its August Mass/fellowship dinner at the ballroom of the Grand Convention Center. It was a night of exquisite Chinese cuisine.

Piccolini and Mechal and Jacquelyn Llanillow, for as head of La Chaine in the Philippines, and she as Maitresse La Bailli of the Cebu chapter. Amparito was in a farm hugging white outfit.

Champagne flowed during predinner cocktails at the foyer. Dinner was amid potted bamboo stalks that reached the ceiling, with guests seated on gilt chairs in round tables. The menu was set by Wilson Ng and his team-Marjolaine Oriental cuisine.

Pringle and Peiky Chang were enthusiastic in the preparation of the exotic dishes. Throughout the night, as each dish came, they received congratulations, starting with the roast Peking duck slices, the juicy spring rolls, and the aromatic soup of double broiled Chinese red dates with mushrooms from the family's recipe book.

The rest of the officers in La Chaine's Cebu board: Teresita Mendiorata, Vilma Trocheria, Nenine Alonso, Al Evangelio and Dave Sharpe. They all welcomed Mingky Chang into the fold.

Chef Wilson Ng's Mr. Magoo was asked to come up to the mic and make announcements about the next fellowship. He said it would be in October, at the Cantonese restaurant, with a menu inspired by his native Beijing. There's more in Fusion and, one that just starts, he smiled.

Swiss National Day

As it has become a tradition, the Shangri-La Mactan Island celebrated Swiss National Day with a world-class festival of Swiss specialties, at its Café Marco. Our special evening was dedicated to a grand celebration at the hotel's native court, transformed into a festive and colorful event.

The event zoomed with the presence of Swiss Embassy Switzerland's ambassador to the Philippines. There was a good representation from the Swiss community in the Visayas.

Welcoming the guests were Shangri-La's general manager Heinz Hardt with his wife and their twin sons. Margaux and Agathe. Hardt spoke about the outstanding occasion that marked 721 years since the Swiss Confederation was formed.

He asked Honorary Consul of the Russian Federation Arnel Garcia, chair of the Cebu Consular Corps, to join him on stage. Together they rang a huge cowbell that signalled the start of the evening's program which began with a speech from Ambassador Stelzer.

The ambassador said it was great to be in Cebu once more, and thanked Hans as well as the entire Marco Polo team for the grand occasion. "Seven hundred twenty one years is a long time for a country," he remarked, adding that relations between Switzerland and the Philippines have always been excellent.

"The Philippines has the second largest group of Swiss residents in the world," he said, and many of his countrymen present that evening gave a loud cheer.

Roman candles were lit as a traditional, and a fabulous buffet of Swiss food was served. The evening gained momentum when dance music was played, and many took to top the light fantastic with or without partners.

Japan Festival

The Consular Office of Japan in Cebu, led by Consul and Consular Toshiaki Hata, has been congratulated for the successful Japan Festival held Aug. 11-12 at Ayala Center Cebu. Hata explained that it was to celebrate Philippines-Japan Friendship Month.

Attending the opening ceremonies were Japan's Ambassador Toshinari Endo with his wife Setsuko Urabe, Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia, Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama and Ambassador Francisco Benedicto.

A series of Japanese cultural events highlighted the festival, foremost among them the 17-member Wako Taiko Team Club which came expressly from Japan with Yasuhiko Yasuka heading the delegation. They were well-applauded, as were the Asunaloro dance, the karaoke singing competitions and the imaginative cosplay.

Booth displayed Ikebana floral arrangements, Japanese dolls, and an array of cultural exhibits set up by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, in Ayala Center's The Terraces open area. Japanese restaurants displayed and sold their specialties to the delight of gourmets, gourmands and those who tried them for the first time.

Ambassador Urabe cited the initiative of the Japanese community in Cebu in making the festival possible. Consul Hata counted in the implicit cooperation of the Japanese Association of Cebu, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Cebu, as well as the Cebu Provincial and City Governments.

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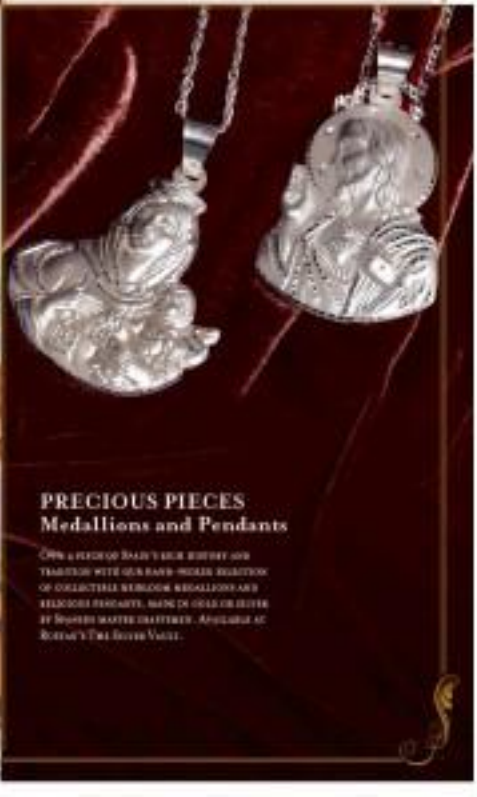

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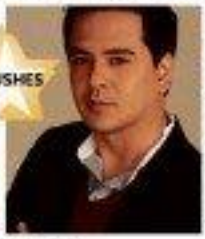

JOHN Lloyd Cruz

RUSHES

By the Entertainment Staff

SUPERSTAR Entertainment was never fond of Powerhouse Performer. Among friends, SE has called PP a certain disparaging term that rhymes with "witch." That's because PP ran for quite haughty. SE, who's not exactly faithful, was understandably threatened.

So both would have it, SE and PP found themselves cast in the same project. Now SE is forced to play nice and ignore PP's bizarre ways. But other co-workers cannot stand PP; staffers have complained to respectors that PP's a prima donna. Can SE stay quiet in light of this hate campaign?

Blissfully ignorant

A reader was shocked when Promising Starlet proclaimed, for all the world to hear, that she didn't know who venerable Seasoned Actor was...and they work in the same studio!

This is reminiscent of a blunder made by Stairway Starlet. It was the same complaint.

At a major event, SS admitted that she was not familiar with Acclaimed Filmmaker's work.

SS should find another job if she chooses to remain ignorant of cinema history.

Catty chat

Did we hear that one right? Miss Keep Starlet grandstanding with her all-gay posse about Popular Star?

SS, mindful of the life he's living today and thanks, was dropping innuendoes left and right that PS had enhanced. Hmm... some boobs.

Well, HC says now the love of SS' life, SS allegedly confirmed to gay pals that PS was irresistible in the biblical. No wonder SS is still carrying a torch for HC.

Curiously, SS is now eyeing a role previously cherished with PS. A professional and romantic rivalry goes berserk?

Newfound relatives

Government Colleagues were agbast when so-called "relatives" of Suffering Performer came out of the woodwork, "concerned" about SP's condition. Apparently, the now-famed relatives got wind of Industry friends helping SP financially.

"They wanted to cash in," a source quipped. "Where were they when SP really needed them?"

Missy's new ride

Controversial Starlet has been spotted driving an expensive set of second wheels. She even posted pics of her new wheels online.

According to socialbuzz, the luxury vehicle, which cost millions, was a gift from CS' new beau, Popular Actor.

Is this one love or the latest person down for the cure-wars?

Or perhaps the car is really the product of CS' own blood, sweat and tears?

Pia's a mom!

TV host Pia Guanzon gave birth to her first baby, Scarlet Amiee, via Caesarian Section at 12:55 a.m. on Thursday. The baby weighed 7.6 pounds and was 20 inches long. Pia's new uncle posted on her Twitter account: "Thank you Lord for the wonderful gift in our lives." She added: Pia married businessman Steve Margetts December 2011.

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Pia Guanzo and Scarlet Amiee

EUGENE Domingo

Dengue-Carrying Mosquitoes' Worst Nightmare?

How the odorless insect spray just might be the best weapon against the disease

These blood-suckers may not be as cool or sexy as Edward's depiction of vampires in pop culture, but these hungry dengue-carrying mosquitoes are nevertheless as dangerous, even deadly.

Much has been said and written about dengue (we all know how fatal it can be), yet with all the information available to the public, the disease's foothold remains to be on solid ground it seems, as it continues to affect thousands of individuals across the country all year round.

It doesn't help that typhoons and strong monsoon rains appear to be on the mosquitoes' side, depositing rain water in crevices and containers that serve as perfect breeding places for the insect.

Fortunately for humanity, all is not lost. There are, in fact, several ways to curb the disease's spread such as using protective clothing and insect repellent or putting up those heat-emitting machines that zap mosquitoes.

Then there are aerosol insect sprays—the dengue-carrying mosquitoes' worst nightmare, that's what! Again. That's because it is one of the most practical and effective ways of combating dengue. It is generally affordable and very easy to use. This is also because, for the fight against dengue to gain ground, it must start from the household level.

While there are a number of aerosol insect sprays in the market to choose from, it is perhaps best to consider getting one that does not leave any odor behind.

Contrary to popular belief, it is not true that the heavier smell an insect spray has, the more effective it is. Odor is not an indicator of efficacy—the active ingredient is.

Some companies label their products odorless, only to disappoint users once they discover that they still leave behind traces of smell that might irritate the olfactory senses.

Many people are, in fact, even allergic to strong scents that many aerosol sprays tend to leave behind, a nasty "side-effect" for lack of a better term. Some people even get headaches from strong scents.

Then there are those insect sprays that add food or fruity scents, but they do little but mask the noxious smell that remains under the added scents.

Truly Edgeways that investing in a 100% odorless aerosol insect spray is the way to go. After all, a multi-insect spray that carries no smell lets the family resume normal activities inside the home as soon as the insect-bent waiting time is done (usually 30 minutes, with or without the smell).

This is why Johnson's Baygon Multi-Insect Killer, formulated by Bayer CropSciences, came to be—the only product in the country in its category that leaves absolutely no trace of scent. Simply put, it works without the irritating smell.

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The product's formulation is 100 percent effective against dengue-carrying mosquitoes and other insect-pests such as cockroaches.

So while dengue seems to be a ubiquitous disease, you're never defenseless against it. Why simply using an odorless aerosol spray you're just become the best weapon against these blood-sucking dengue-carrying mosquitoes.

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Fil-Am singer records unreleased Disney gems

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LOS ANGELES—Jennifer Paz, one of the most talented Filipino-Americans in musical theater in the United States, has landed a wonderful gig. The singer, whose credits include "Miss Saigon," "Les Miserables," "Flowers Drives Song" and "The Last Five Years," was tapped by Disney to record unreleased songs from its vast catalogue, in an album series aptly named "The Lost Chords."

The award-winning Jennifer sang "The Need to Be Loved," which eventually became "Someone's Waiting For You" in the recently released "The Lost Chords: The Resurgence."

She also recorded two unused gems in another coming album, "The Lost Chords: Cinderella."

Below are excerpts from our e-mail interview with Jennifer:

How did you land this gig?

I got an e-mail inquiry/offer from the producers of the project. I was referred to him from casting director Maria Estrada who cast me in a play earlier this year for Cartoon Network. It's always so interesting how an unrelated audition for one project can open the doors for other projects. I was grateful for the recommendation from Maria. She had also cast me in a regional production of "Miss Saigon," which is why the called me in for the Cartoon Network play.

What was it like to sing "The Need to Be Loved" which ended up becoming the classic "Someone's Waiting For You"?

"The Need to Be Loved" was the first song I recorded and I got it less than 24 hours before the session. As I was learning it, I kept thinking, this melody sounds familiar. How do I know this song? And then I realized it was what "Someone's Waiting for You" eventually became in "The Rescuers"! My gal pal Jeanie (Jean Ahnwell-Ito) sang a snippet of "Someone's Waiting for You" in our "Road to Saigon" cabaret show that we did together at San Jose Players a couple years ago. So I kept hearing her voice in my head while I was learning the different licks.

I sang the song alone, but this album ("The Lost Chords: The Resurgence") includes Dual Francis Webster's version as well. That's the concept of the "Lost Chords" series. They wanted to research those songs that were left out of classic Disney films and showcase updated versions of them as well. From what I understand, these "Lost Chords" releases are in conjunction with Disney releasing Blu-ray Disc versions of the classic films.

What's the "history" behind "The Lost Chords"?

The Facebook page of Walt Disney Records says: "Over the next few months we're going to be diving into the history of music in the Disney family. Stay tuned as we're some of your favorite moments from the Disney catalogue." It's super exciting for longtime fans of those Disney classic films. These albums will make great collector's items.

Have you a fan of the movie "The Rescuers"?

Yes know, sadly, I didn't see that one. I'm planning on watching it and revisiting the ones I have seen. The producers will be sending me any cross-promotional items/albums releases. I can't wait to see/hear the digital/release copies only.

What about your two songs for "Cinderella"—"I Lost My Heart at the Ball" and "The Face I See in the Night"? Why were the original versions never released, recorded or included in the movie soundtrack?

These songs were taken out because of time constraints or changes in the movie, from what I was told. But it felt so surreal to hear these never-before-heard songs, it's like you're getting a peek into a secret vault. How cool is that? And it was fun to learn these two new tracks, especially since I got to play Cinderella in a regional production in the last holiday season. As I was singing in the vocal booth, I just imagined seeing that wonderful production. I did it at the Ith Avenue Theatre in my hometown of Seattle and I had such a blast!

What's your own relationship to the "Cinderella" movie, and Disney films in general?

I love all the contemporary Disney films, "Beauty and the Beast" is my favorite, and I'm just so honored to have been invited to be part of this tremendous musical legacy.

What was it like to hear the completed versions of the three songs for the first time?

So far, I've only heard the final mix for "The Rescuers" and I am pleased with the mix. It turned out to be a tight ballad by and I was even more excited to be in the company of such cool legendary artists on the album!

How does it feel being part of Disney's (remarkable) legacy in music?

I feel so honored! I feel like Cinderella at the ball!

Will you be recording some more songs in the series?

Hopefully I'll be invited to more songs in the series. This is the first of many! Stay tuned!

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'Nega' values on TV

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TELEVISION shows and stars are supposed to provide the viewing public, especially the impressionable youth, with positive role models to help them live better and more enlightened lives. Most of the time, however, the opposite is what's happening, as some irresponsible TV people perform "nega" values or what they shine and sing.

Choose negative values and standards include a love for all things foreign and imported, "branded" products over their generic counterparts, and status symbols for their own sake—as in the case of TV personalities who boast about their "designer" bags that run hundreds of thousands or even a million bucks to acquire.

Other "nega" TV stars make their shows popular or controversial by doing features on superstitious beliefs, and passing them off as factual occurrences. The divided viewers into blaming "fate" or supernatural forces for the terrible things that happen to them instead of decisively solving their own problems.

How negatively attractive is some TV personalities' fixation on sexual gossip and scandal, especially when they involve important people.

This habit makes viewers into developing a preference for shock and muck, and for thinking the worst about so-called celebrities.

What "fun" to discover that they have lots of selfish clay—and not so admirable as the rest of humanity!

There were the TV personalities who report and comment on the news of the day ostensibly to help viewers make sense of how the world is turning from day to day, and how all these complex events impinge on their existence. Alas, many of these self-styled analysts do a bad job of it, because they aren't bright enough or are too lazy to understand all of the complex issues and factors involved.

Instead, they resort to facile "analyses" that make the issues harder than ever due to their knee-jerk or "matchahood" nights, so viewers are dismally and catastrophically in the dark.

Other "nega" stars blithely lead less than admirable lives, prompting young viewers to conclude that what they're doing is A-OK, like having babies out of wedlock, etc. Some of these "liberated" spirits even defend marriage as "just a piece of paper."

Yes, it's a free country, but when you have access to media, you have to choose your words most discreetly because there are vulnerable children watching.

From page G2

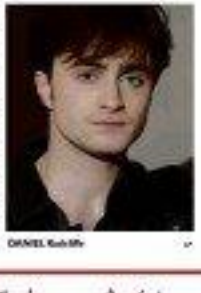
Cease-fire . . .

Top of Bandera

The top show his views in the business tabloid Bandera (and whether we moved it or not we moved):

- Pinanindigan mo ang pagiging bomba mong Bonita sa Wagner magmumura. Bakit ni Opie pinalalagpasan d'yan, Ate? Bakit?
- Bakit sa sobrang nalilitong pagsasalita sa multilingo: Pasmon, Intsik, nagkamot ng nanlisdog anong ay pero? (Fighting about helping?)
- Sweet ayaw patulan ang humor ni tapa-kabombahan ni Angelica Kiwodoll.)
- Baka mabawas si kanegahan, ABC, CBN pinagkasasawi. (Nothing kinukuha) ng humor? Grabe, malas at may nanpa-sear (Do not that can be good.)
- Anong masasabi mo ngayon, Angelica Panganiban? John Lloyd umoo na, naging Juliet siya (Kissing and selling is our good.)
- Ano Alonzo hanggat ng diamond na Juliet ng Llopdic (This is every less real.)
- OK lang kay John Lloyd ang magsabi ng pass? (Darn man some square now.)
- Magkapareho man o Tere, kinding hindi pagsasalita si Judy. (Good girl, Judy.)
- Dalita na-check in mga dating bahoong mukhang ayaw ng showbiz. (Sir.)
- Mukhang dalaga ang artista ng bahoong baby; ibig sabihin, kaya nahaba lang daw ng kontrata? (Can't drink with a doc?)
- Sa Guy ano magiding magpapayo kay Vhie (Valentine of opinion.)
- Si Christine Bermas na rum-ang bagong Juliana? Ang bida ni Nar-An, Angel Locsin ay Darna ng ABS-CBN? or who (Angel del Dania for GMA. She should let Cristine have a crack at it.)
- Mukha nagulp bobo sa pagpili ng mga dyowa, 'Sana maging mala-mo-ko ng-yawa' (Time.)
- Nagsisi nangalito na siya ng GMA 7 Mang Inks, Mikael Daez. Ayaw nang magbalikat? (Good for you.)
- Kaya pinagkakaitan nang magpa-sexy si Pauleen Luna ng mga pelikula, dahil sa pagiging buntis. (Oh Gawsh.) Study Patty Wood.)
- Walang class si Jen, nagsasabing 'pabagsak' ng Official-ness' Beata Belleza.)
- Ay si Julia Montes! Kasi'i anong dahil pwede pa! Diyan.)
- Llopdic Independent ang dyowa pag hindi na nanalo. (Good to know he's not the marrying type.)
- Sino na lang ang matatawa sa mga pinagsasabi ni Bangon, 'Yun 'Wag naman ang buyisilat Ari (Must be love.)
- Bida ang aping mukha at mahaba ang pawood. Pwesan tips sa tips si Henry Peter (Tips ng manong ng sa Pasmon, Sister?)
- Hindi ka

DENISE Cruz



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Cease-fire for dueling diva...

From page G1

long messenger na hindi sila umabot sa kanya? Aga-amanin, pinagsasasa din si Regine (Ou nanood kay ogie, already. Um ever yourself.)

● Kaya raw nanggagalaiti ngayon si gold si Victoria Cruz, thats yesterday as US, pero in-openmidding ano nga Tille don't know the full of it. There could be a lot more to that.)

● Grabe talagang malaman ang dinner ni PNoy, Ito kasi gyan ng history ni Angelina Quiambao-Pelaez That's how she gets to know so many BPO!!

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2: THE EXPENDABLES 2
3: TOTAL RECALL
4: I DO BIDDO BIDDO
5: THE CAMPAIGN
6: AMOROSA
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GREENBELT 1
1: TOTAL RECALL
2: THE CAMPAIGN

GREENBELT 3
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3: POSSESSION
4: TOTAL RECALL
5: THE EXPENDABLES 2

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5: TOTAL RECALL

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1: RESERVED
2: KATY PERRY/THE CAMPAIGN
3: POSSESSION
4: AMOROSA

MARQUEE
1: KATY PERRY: PART OF ME
2: THE EXPENDABLES 2
3: THE CAMPAIGN
4: AMOROSA

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1: TOTAL RECALL (2D)
2: POSSESSION
3: THE CAMPAIGN
4: KATY PERRY: PART OF ME
5: I DO BIDDO BIDDO
6: AMOROSA
7: RESERVED

TRINOMA
1: THE CAMPAIGN
2: I DO BIDDO BIDDO
3: POSSESSION
4: KATY PERRY: PART OF ME (3D)
5: THE EXPENDABLES 2
6: AMOROSA
7: THE CAMPAIGN

ARBELA
1: POSSESSION (2D)
2: THE CAMPAIGN (2D)
3: I DO BIDDO BIDDO
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3: POSSESSION
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The Specialist makes independent assessments and projections of likely trends and scenarios in the areas of TB, HIV/AIDS, FP and MCH and reports on related significant policies, legislation, and programs undertaken by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and like services sector. S/He conceptualizes, presents and defends strategies for policy advocacy relating to TB, HIV/AIDS, FP and MCH. S/He directs the preparation and support of senior policy and private sector representatives at the national, regional and local levels of the host country for implementing key sector policy reforms. The Specialist interacts with official visitors and occasionally leads them and drafts speeches or portions thereof dealing with complex multi-sectoral issues.

The candidate must meet the following Evaluation Criteria:

* Education (10%) A degree in Medicine is required. In addition to an M.D., a master's degree in public health or a related field is highly desirable.

*Work Experience (25%) Must have a minimum of seven years of professional work experience in public health, particularly in TB, HIV/AIDS, FP and/or MCH with demonstrated ability to manage, coordinate and guide significant analytical and project management efforts. At least five years of this experience should have been in development assistance or related work for USAID, other donor agencies, non-government organizations, or private sector institutions.

*ADS Knowledge (20%) A thorough knowledge of the country's TB, HIV/AIDS, FP and MCH situation with strong technical knowledge on these areas is required. Must have a good knowledge of the potential to acquire such knowledge, of United States Government legislation relating to development assistance, USAID programming policies, regulations, procedures, and documentation, and of the objectives, methodology, and status of the programs and projects to which assigned.

* Skills and Abilities (30%) Must have essential and annual experience in TB, HIV/AIDS, FP and MCH program design, management and assessment or evaluation. Must be able to independently establish/maintain contacts with senior level officials of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, other donor representatives, and with influential persons in the private sector. Also important is the ability to independently plan, develop, manage and evaluate important and complex programs, and the ability to furnish information/advice in assigned areas with detachment and objectivity. The candidate must have problem solving skills and must be able to orient, train and supervise lower level personnel when appropriate.

* Communication and Computer Skills (15%) - Excellent command of English both written and oral. The candidate must have the ability to analyze and evaluate a variety of technical and economic data and to organize/present them in a concise written/oral form. Computer literacy is essential, including competency in most processing and the use of spreadsheet programs.

Based on the successful candidate's salary history, a maximum annual salary of PhP 1,109,262.00 is offered. The compensation package includes mid-year and year-end bonuses, health and life insurance, and a supplementary retirement plan.

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Application letter and comprehensive resume must be received no later than September 14, 2012 at:
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- Knowledge: Grants management and donor regulations

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Provides direction for finance unit, including supervision of Finance Officers; monitors compliance with CRS financial policies and procedures; develops appropriate local financial management policies; implements internal controls to safeguard financial assets of the organization and provide financial information to management for decision-making.

- Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or Accountancy. Must be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).
- At least five years managerial/supervisory experience as senior accountant or Internal Auditor.
- Possesses an attitude of service and support.
- Knowledge of development work, computerized accounting preferably SunSystems or equivalent accounting software.
- Computer proficiency in Microsoft Office Excel, Microsoft Word.
- Proven budget management skills.
- Ability to coach, develop and motivate staff.
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- Proficiency in English and Filipino; other local languages a strong advantage.
- Position requires up to 30% travel throughout the country and perhaps abroad.

FINANCE OFFICER (DAVAO) – 2 POSITIONS

This position primarily deals with general accounting, fund management, technical assistance to NGO partners and financial audit. Position requires 25% of travel time throughout the country.

- Graduate of bachelor's degree in Accountancy; CPA desired.
- Minimum of four (4) years experience in fund accounting, general accounting and budget management.
- Knowledge/skills of computerized accounting system preferably SunSystems or equivalent.
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HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER (MANILA or DAVAO)

The Human Resources Officer will provide support services in recruitment, staff development, employee benefits, and performance management for CRS offices in Manila and Davao. Position requires almost 20% travel throughout the country and perhaps abroad.

- Bachelor's Degree in Administration, Psychology/Behavioral Sciences, Masters preferred
- HR Officer or similar position for at least 3 years in professional environment
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- BS in Agricultural Economics, Marketing, Business, and other related field, and/or experience in agri-sectoral trading and financing. A Master's degree preferred in the same fields.
- 3-5 years experience in program design, implementation, management, and evaluation at the grass roots level with local NGOs and government officials.
- Proven ability in organizational, personnel, budgeting, and financial management, and ability to handle multiple tasks.
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- **Sr. Service Delivery Advisor and Hospital Specialist**

  Will be responsible for leading efforts to increase and sustain private sector provision of quality RH/MCH services. This includes working with key government counterparts in health departments for quality services, engaging private sector partners to increase their efforts to provide quality RH/MCH services, and monitor, document, evaluate, adapt, promote, and disseminate successful and scalable practices. It provides certain participation in all marketing and research in PPMCH. This position directly supervises four technical staff.

- **Workplace Specialist**

  Will have responsibility for ensuring implementation of strategies to increase the provision of PPMCH quality services and products in workplaces. This includes identifying policy issues supporting public and private organizations that can provide technical assistance to employees, provide technical assistance to private partners on expand workplace services, respond to technical needs of the project's field staff, and document success stories and best practices.

- **Strategic Partnership Fund (SPF) Subcontracts and Grants Manager**

  Will be responsible for the successful execution of SPF II (RFA), Sole-source grant and subcontract implementation. Will report directly to the SPF Grants and Contracts Manager and supervise a Cebu-based project staff, administer and liaise with partner organizations.

- **Mobile Practice Specialist**

  Under the supervision and guidance of the Senior Service Delivery Advisor and Hospital Specialist, shall have the responsibility of ensuring the implementation of workplace accreditation trainings for increasing numbers of private practicing midwives with skill-updating, promoting family planning and reproductive child practices the mandate of the provision of PMCH quality services and products.

- **Communications Coordinators (2 positions)**

  Will support the Communication Specialist in all project communication related activities. Responsibilities will include technical support for the evaluation of technical reports, BHW awareness, success stories etc., training with project support offices in project implementation issues, updating of the project website, management of the project information hub and video clips, and coordinating periodic client satisfaction assessments.

- **Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Coordinator**

  Will be responsible for facilitating effective and supportive interactions between the regional teams and the central M&E team, and will provide ongoing assistance and support to the regional teams on M&E activities in order to ensure the timeliness of the project monitoring data, good-minimum framework, and M&E systems and tools.

Detailed scope of work, alternatives, qualifications, special knowledge requirements and application procedures are available in our website: **www.jnjcareers.com/psmp**. Deadline for submission of application is COB on the **7th of September** 2012. Due to the volume of applications we receive, we will only contact short-listed candidates for further screening.

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The Cashiering Administrator supports the team in its goals and objectives while identifying and suggesting process improvements within the key areas of Cashiering. The role will monitor, identify and post daily cash transactions, gather information from clients such as invoice numbers, communicate effectively with local and foreign business partners and to attend to daily queries and concerns of accounts handled

Essential Skills and Experience:

- A Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy
- 1-2 years work experience in (Sales) receivable management and bank transactions (local and foreign). Ideally in a shared services or back-office environment for a multinational company
- Experience in Vision v5.1 and Oracle systems advantageous
- Good knowledge of accounting principles and reconciliation skills
- Excellent oral and written English skills, interpersonal skills and telephone etiquette
- Strong numerical and accuracy skills
- Ability to exercise good judgment and self-control
- Capable of building strong relationships with colleagues and team leaders
- Well versed in MS Office applications, specifically Intermediate Excel
- Ability to meet deadlines and works well under pressure
- Drive for results and quality commitment
- Responsible, motivated and can work with minimum supervision and as part of a team
- Willing and able to work on a variable shift as required

CLIENT SERVICES EXECUTIVE

The role is responsible for supporting the CS team in managing and maintaining clients and is required to supply reports to managers

- Relevant telemarketing or outbound call experience for a multinational company
- Excellent command of both spoken and written English, telephone and customer service skills
- A sound knowledge of company structure and senior staff / board member responsibilities preferred but not required
- Highly competent in MS Excel, Word, Lotus Notes and any CRM system
- Strong interpersonal skills, proactive, self-motivated and willing to learn
- Able to work independently and under pressure
- Willing and able to work on shifts and holidays
- A degree in Business Administration or Management is an advantage

ACCOUNTING STAFF

The role is responsible for supporting the Local Accounts team in achieving goals and objectives and to identify and suggest process improvements within key areas of local accounts

- A Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy
- 1 year work experience in receivables/payables management and bank transactions (local and foreign). Ideally in a shared services or back-office environment for a multinational company
- Experience in SunOracle systems advantageous
- Excellent oral and written English skills, interpersonal skills and telephone etiquette
- Strong numerical and accuracy skills
- Drive for results and quality commitment
- Responsible, motivated and can work with minimum supervision and as part of a team
- Willing and able to work on a variable shift as required

Qualified applicants should post their detailed resume, cover letter and most recent photograph to

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Applicants interested in getting the full details of this solicitation can request copies of the RFA document via e-mail at grants@prism2.ph. Likewise, the RFA can be downloaded in PDF format from the PRISM2 Project website (http://www.prism2.ph/grants).

The closing date for the submission of applications is: 5:00 p.m., October 03, 2012. All questions or inquiries concerning the RFA must be directed to Grants Team at email address: grants@prism2.ph

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- Male/female, 30-35 years old
- Single
- Degree in Accountancy, Business Management, Finance or equivalent
- At least 1 year work experience
- Computer literate

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- College Graduate of Arts Major Course
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"My sharp, my future" is a major initiative of SPC on its pursuit to empower social responsibility while helping the impoverished areas of society particularly homeless children, kids with severe illnesses and calamity victims.

SPC President Dalubhon Tanaka urged," We need to take care of our young generation to ensure their brighter future especially those who are incapable to have a decent living. Each of us can do something to build a promising future for them."

To start the global celebrations of Sharp's 100th anniversary, Sharp Philippines Corporation commits to donate Php 20.00 for every purchase of plasma theater box products and LCD/LED TV during the campaign period from June 7 until September 15, 2012.

A grand launching event shall be rendered as a drawn beneficiary which will be attended during the 100th Anniversary of Sharp World and 50th Anniversary of Sharp Philippines on September 14, 2012 at the Manila Hotel.

To realize this vision, Sharp continued to strengthen its team's visibility and delivery partnership to make Sharp products and services more and readily available in consumers nationwide.

SPC Executive Vice President Xiao-Wei stated," as Sharp Philippines Corporation continuously accelerating high-standard consumer electronic products, we also strengthen our partnership with appliance stores nationwide aside from our growing sales and service centers. That is to ensure that Sharp products and services are accessible to every Filipino consumers".

Sharp Philippines Corporation has been active in delivering relentless community service by donating quality home appliances to charitable institutions. Two of the most recent beneficiaries are Elder Cuisine and Baby foundation, which received Sharp refrigerators, washing machines and TV sets.

Through donations of quality home appliances, Sharp Philippines Corporation, a major player in the consumer electronics industry in the country affirms its dedication to help and more flexible shelter for children under the care of governments and non-government system.

For a brighter future of young generations, Sharp Philippines Corporation (SPC) is encouraging all Filipinos to partake in its festival commitment to improve the lives of socially disadvantaged children because for every SHARP product could mean a SHARPer future in them.

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY MANILA

Applications are invited for a position that is likely to become available in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian Embassy in Manila.

PROPERTY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - The successful candidate will be responsible for payment processing, monitoring and reconciliation of Billings for Property suppliers, and utilities procurement and all service management, supplier documentation and maintenance of Property records and files.

We are seeking a high performing individual who can work in a small team environment under time and workload pressures. The successful candidate will be offered an attractive remuneration package which includes annual leave, performance bonus, comprehensive health and private life insurance and other conditions as per the locally engaged staff conditions of service.

Copies of the Job description and Selection Criteria are found under job vacancies at http://www.philippines.embassy.gov.au/mnld/vacancy.html

Interested applicant must address all the selection criteria, and detail variables to perform the duties of the position including personal qualities, experience, skills and knowledge. Furthermore, applicants will also be required to submit a resume, transcripts of records with names of two referees and their contact details. Applications that do not address each selection criteria will not be considered. Both internal and external applications are welcome.

All applications should be forwarded on or before 7 September 2012 to email address manilarecruitment@dfat.gov.au. Please include the position you are applying for in your application and in your e-mail subject header. If you have not been requested to attend an interview within four weeks from the closing date, please assume that your application has not been successful. Only short listed applicants will be contacted.

DISTRIBUTOR ACCOUNTS MANAGER

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- Monitor Distributor's accounts receivables and ensure prompt payment.
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- Evaluate sales performance and make report periodically.
- Recommends sales promotional if necessary, such as handling and other promotional activities under the approval of the Sales Director.
- Validate Distributor accounts and recommend to Sales Director proper action.
- Performs job responsibilities for higher sales supervisory approach.

Minimum Criteria:
- Male, but not more than 40 years old
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- With car driver, average skills both in written and in oral communication
- With at least five (5) years experience in supervisory capacity on a nationally distributed product
- Computer literate

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Personnel Manager
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CredaFoods

Program Operations Manager

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- Five (5) years experience in leading child focused child development programs, team management and technical expertise at the national level.
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- High level interpersonal and cross-cultural skills including the ability to build cooperative relationships with diverse and multi-cultural groups, and to work effectively with senior internal and external clients; and
- Experience in resource mobilization, supervision, negotiation, and report writing.

Interested applicants may send their application letter addressing to what this above enumerated position qualifications and required competency together with comprehensive resume, and contact information of 3 professional references to jobs@credafoods.com.ph or 7 Kamagong Street, Makati City. Please write subject positions and applications will be reviewed as they are received. Only qualified candidates will be invited for interview. CredaFood Philippines is an equal opportunity employer.

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Submit your resume with a recent 2 x 2 picture to the HR Manager at Unit 209 Ambuklao Plaza, 3 Tiangco Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City or e-mail to: malya.ateneo@brunosbarbers.com

CEBU DAILY NEWS

COPY EDITOR
- A graduate of journalism or any equivalent course
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- At least two (2) years experience in copy editing
- Must be able to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- Excellent in written communication skills

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT
- College graduate preferably Journalism, Mass Communication or other related courses
- With excellent English proficiency
- Has attended seminars and/or workshops on current industry matters
- With experience in news and/or in a news organization
- Has excellent written and verbal communication skills
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The Cebu Daily News, a member of the Philippine Daily Inquirer group of newspapers, is looking for qualified applicants to fill the following positions:

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Please indicate desired position on the subject line.

CEBU DAILY NEWS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT
- Accounting graduate or any related course
- With at least one (1) year experience in Accounting
- Computer literate, with good knowledge in MS Office and Accounting Software
- Has excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Must be flexible, team-oriented yet has attention to detail

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- Must possess a degree in Human Resources, Psychology or any Behavioral Science course
- With 2-3 years experience in recruitment, payroll and employee training, performance management and related functions
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- Accounting graduate or any related course
- With at least one (1) year experience in Credit and Collection
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Consultant for Livelihood Baseline Study

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS

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VACANT POSITIONS: ONE (1) ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE VI (CLERK III); SG 6
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MONTHLY ALLOWANCE: P2,000.00

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EDUCATION:	Completion of two years studies in College
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MONTHLY ALLOWANCE: P2,000.00

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EXPERIENCE:	1 Year of Relevant Experience
TRAINING:	4 Hours of Relevant Training
ELIGIBILITY:	CAREER SERVICE (PROFESSIONAL) SECOND LEVEL ELIGIBILITY

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Kindernothilfe is looking for a Country Coordinator who is highly committed to child rights and believes in the generation of a caring and supporting environment for vulnerable and at-risk children. The Country Coordinator will lead and oversee the team in the attainment of KNH's mission in the Philippines. The Country Coordinator is responsible for the direction, continuous development and performance of the organization, in forging collaborative partnerships with local and international partners for the creation of productive and sustainable opportunities for children's growth and development. The Country Coordinator reports directly to KNH.

Qualifications: a Bachelor's Degree in social sciences or other related courses. Skills on conflict prevention management, social development, public administration is an advantage. Minimum of 10 years experience in social development and five years in higher level management. Strong leadership, a high level of expertise in financial management, rights-based approach, conflict resolution, community development, networking as well as interpersonal skills are a must.

All applications will be treated in confidence. Please email send your letter of application and curriculum vitae on or before Sept. 10, 2012 to Daisy F. Salonga at dailysalonga@gmail.com.

Mailing address: 100 Crescent Park Residences, Gerard Ave. corner 30th Street, BGC, Taguig 1634

Phone no: (917 524 4400

Interviews will be held on Oct. 12, 13 and 14, 2012 in Makati. Venue to be announced. Selected candidates MUST be available for further discussion on Oct. 26, 2012.

Kindernothilfe is a Non-Government Non- Profit Organization founded in Germany in 1959. It partners with local non-government organizations and networks in 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe to realize and protect children's rights.

Kindernothilfe reaches out to some 700,000 children with programs and projects which help vulnerable and marginalized children to access sustainable opportunities in order to grow and develop their potential.

All projects and programs supported by Kindernothilfe use a Child Rights Approach to reach a common objective: vulnerable and marginalized children's access to sustainable opportunities to reach their full potentials. It is committed to fight for the fulfillment of all child rights: the right to provision, the right to protection and the right to participate.

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Bring out the best in people

Tita Data Pacangco

L-EARNING MOMENTS

RECENTLY, I WAS INVITED TO reflect once again on the inspirational subject on how to bring out the best in people. It was an invitation from the Philippine Franchise Association for me to speak in their recent congress.

I understand that the roots for the respect and esteem for people is rooted in Sun Tzu values and wisdom. Looking back at the Biblical account of creation, we start to understand why man and woman are "fearfully and wonderfully made" as an act of creation was according to our image and likeness". This means that humans possess a reserved for God's likeness and image. Only God who is Trinity man is designed to have a relationship with God and with one another.

Dignity of the human person

Why today can underestimate the importance of the human person when remains indispensable even with the invention of technology, the web, gadgets and applications? I realized that to bring out the best in people one has to look at a coin with two sides. One is the side of employees and workers and the other is the side of the leaders and managers.

Let us review the basic theory of motivation. Maslow developed the theory that man, so he fulfills his basic needs then move on to greater needs. In today's world is this still true? I noticed that while before it may seem true that when one fulfills basic needs, then one moves to social and security needs then after hungry for self-fulfillment. Today people desire and strive for all these. I encountered a lot Generation Xers who want all of these at the same time or they quickly move on to the next company when one offer them all these.

Self actualization at work

In fact I found a meaningful quote from Abraham Maslow, "The only happy people I know are the ones who are working well at something they consider important... their motivation is expressed by their devotion, dedication and identification with some great and important job. Self actualizing work is simultaneously seeking and fulfilling of the self and also an achieving of the selflessness that is the ultimate expression of mature self."

Best places to work

Some years back I came across the Gallup Survey on "Best Places at Work". It asked the following questions: What is a great place to work? What do great managers do to build a great place to work? What factors are common to productive workplaces? What are the best questions to measure these factors?

Twelve Factors

From this study came out 12 factors (that in our hearts we know are true). One, I know what is expected of me at work. Two, I have the materials and equipment I need to do my work right. Three, at work I have the opportunity to do what I do best everyday. Four, in the last seven days, I have received recognition or praise for doing good work.

Fifth, my supervisor or someone at work seems to care about me as a person. Sixth, there is someone at work who encourages my development. Seventh, at work my opinions seem to count. Eight, the mission or purpose of my company makes me feel my job is important. Ninth, my associates or fellow employees are committed to doing quality work. Tenth, I have a best friend at work. Eleventh, in the last 6 months, someone at work has talked to me about my progress. Twelfth... this last year, I had opportunities at work to learn and grow.

What I understand is that leaders can slow down in 12 simple ways that they use for people and researchers have to deliver their best.

This is supported by the ideas of Phil Geldart from Eagle Flight International, our partner in Canada, on Global Skills for Leaders. What is interesting is that his recommendations are in fact basics. Often it is the basics that are difficult to drive.

Esteem others

His first rule is to esteem others. This means recognizing that within each person is great potential. He says that every person has the potential for greatness and many fulfill this in quiet, unseen ways. Each individual is valuable, unique, important and of great worth.

What are the techniques for thanking esteem? Geldart says you speak to every person as if s/he is a repository of great wisdom. Esteem is demonstrated and made apparent by your attitude, posture and demeanor. Develop the ability and skill to see the unique strengths in people. Build on these and work with them.

Assess others while looking at results

Geldart's second rule is to assess others by looking at results. Assess others by the fruit of their work. Judge by the results of an individual's actions. He suggests looking for weights of evidence. Evidence for Geldart is lasting. For something that occurs frequently, repeatedly and recurring over an extended period of time. He urges us to judge wisely and on much evidence.

Set great goals

The third rule is to know how to set great goals. These are goals that are specific in terms of deadline, the outcome is measurable, and the goals are crystal clear to everyone. Goals are action oriented, not just expressions of intent or desire.

Establish checkpoints

The fourth rule is to establish checkpoints. This means monitoring progress frequently. Having solid checkpoints pave for the other required in identifying them.

For my new column, I will deal with creating the right environment and atmosphere to unleash the best in people. I encourage you to start practicing these tips.

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Daniel 3:8-7:1-6, 14-15, 22-23

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

Superficial

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

ONE VERY IMPORTANT TEACHING OF JESUS IS REGARDING the inner condition of life and people. He draws people to go deeper within themselves and discover the real world within. In the selected verse from above, He reminds us that what really makes a person good or bad are the virtues and good traits which are found within the hearts of people. It is important then for us to go beyond the surface of things, people, and events and search for their inner meaning and value. There is need to avoid being superficial in our life and work.

Engaging ourselves in work of whatever kind could develop in us a superficial attitude. Working could make us get used to thinking that we are the center, the doers, the ones that make the world go round. Doing things done at all cost could become the driving force in our work, which in turn could make us "use" people and/or employ inhuman means or simply immoral acts. The prevalent work attitude in our world is usually competitive and sometimes exploitative where money or profit more than the real welfare of human beings, whether workers, producer or goods and services, or the consumers. The attitude that work could possibly have in the person is superficial... the iron, gold, material, financial aspects of one's life. I am not saying that these are evil, but that these are only on the surface of our life. When completing our doing and acting in our being, which is the life each person and from which springs our activity or work.

As Jesus insisted on the wholeness of one's being so also should the worker be alert to avoid the danger of degrading his being into the level of a tool and machine for production of goods and services. The worker should see his mind to be aware of God as the source of his strength and skills for work. He should fill his heart with every good desire and above all with love as the agent that inspires his work. Thus, his work will not defile his being, it will sanctify him instead.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

A working mother's lesson

By Teresa B. Tuazon, OCDS

A WORKING MOTHER IS A WORKER TWICE OVER. SHE works outside the home and gets paid for it, and works inside the home and gets rewarded for it. As a young mother I availed take a day off for my child's (months) visit to the pediatrician. When I informed a (mature) co-worker (similar to the message in today's) gospel that it's not good to be too close. Manage but sure. "Masama (yung masyadong malimit," the pediatrician would say, "talong nagiging asiknin ang bata."

I didn't understand it fully then but those words echoed me somewhat. As the child grew older I didn't mind if sometimes, exhausted from playing, he would fall asleep on the couch without the obligatory sponge bath and changing into pajamas. He hated marching slippers but, smarted by the doctor's words, I kept my cool seeing him running around barefoot with the neighborhood kids. I also let him have his fill of *kamias* one from the sidewalk without first washing his hands – until yes, as much "dirt ice cream" as he wanted. He hardly got sick.

As he mingled in nursery school with other children and picked up their ways, I continued to learn much from babysitting work and mothering. There is something more vital to a child's growth than just keeping his feet free of grime and his stomach untouched by upset food. In pre-school, the child's world expands, and he learns to love or hate people outside of the family. He hasn't now a file a form to be filled and pinned with carefully chosen words, because over the years, the traits of this friend will show in his deeds.

Without further coaching, we as children gradually learn how clean our bodies must be in order to stay free of disease, but to keep our hearts free of selfishness, we can't do it on our own. We need guidance for life, not only from parents and elders, but more so from Above – a divine guidance built on humility and love our Savior.

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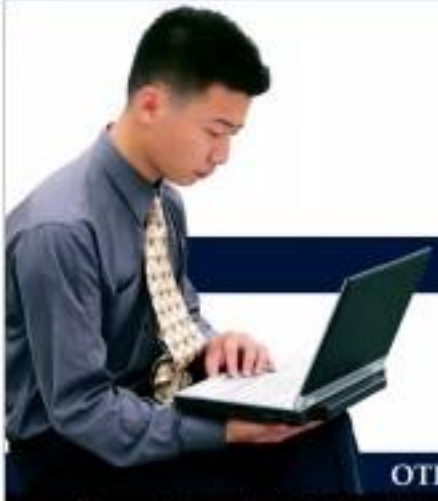

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Consultant: Universal Salt Iodization Programme

Documentation and analysis of the effectiveness of food as new or future channel [illegible] in ensuring the availability of iodized salt in the country.

Essential Qualifications:

- Advanced university degree in social sciences (economics, public policy or related field).
- Extensively uses UNICEF's programming and global level technical and normative programmes.
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Program Assistant: Universal Salt Iodization Programme

Provision of administrative support/assistance for 5 months for the conduct of Asia Regional Meeting on [illegible]

Essential Qualifications:

- University graduate of any four year course.
- Highly knowledgeable on emergency issues and people skills.
- Good command (both oral) of both written and spoken English.
- Experience in work as program assistant or any related job can advantage.
- Experience in handling events/conferences/meetings and related arrangements.

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- Good oral and written Communication skills

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- Provide GIS technical expertise to LSSA's, NGO's and other stakeholders by participating in other GIS related activities such as planning/implementation, training, and other activities as required. Activities may include: Design, implement and maintain GIS capacity building and technical capabilities to partners, as required
- Ensure that data generated by Conservation International is in relevant format that can be exported by clients to communicate with the project managers and Applied Geographic Conservation staff in the Philippines and other parties as required
- Participate in and provide GIS/RS technical inputs in planning, project development and implementation, as required
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- At least 3 years' experience working in conservation and natural resource projects;
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- Demonstrated experience in the design and implementation of geospatial databases and systems for conservation and ecosystem services in the natural terrestrial areas;
- Demonstrated ability in conducting management and conservation training, while working with local communities, mainly for individuals and institutions based there;
- Knowledge on the spatial dimensions, scale and variations in these influencing ecosystem services and conservation approaches;
- Facilitating skill and applicable skill in one of the primary spatial data processing software packages (ESRI, ArcGIS, Erdas Imagine, Idrisi) and Microsoft Office applications;
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Send your resume or apply personally to:

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#19/19 Gold Loop Subdivision
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hr@jugro.com
Tel. No.: 899-5163; 899-3389 loc 21

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- Graduate of any business related course
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Interested applicants may apply directly at Allied Savings Bank located at 11/F Allied Bank Center, 6754 Ayala Avenue, Makati City or may send their resume at zabbie@alliedbank.com.ph. For inquiries, call 815-3311 local 3140/892-5847 and look for Ms. Mhay Castro Elson.

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EMI, an international scientific NGO based in Quezon City is urgently looking for talented and motivated young professionals in the following areas:

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TEL. Nos.: (048) 433-2051 / 433-2052 / 433-2053
Trunkline: (048) 433-2054 loc. 214 to 217
E-MAIL: palecor1@gmail.com

INVITATION TO BID

The Palawan Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PALECO) thru its Bids and Awards Committee invites interested parties to submit bid quotation for the supply and delivery of materials and labor for the construction of the PALECO-operated Mini-Hydroelectric Power Plant Rehabilitation Program for the year 2012.

Item No.	Description	Estimate Cost of Labor			Project Cost
		Labor	Materials	Others	
1.0	Rehabilitation, Repair, Upgrading of Penstock Pipe, Pen. Stg.	1,000	1,000		2,000,000.00
2.0	Rehabilitation, Repair, Upgrading of Penstock Pipe, Pen. Stg.	3,000	3,000		6,000,000.00
3.0	Rehabilitation, Repair, Upgrading of Penstock Pipe, Pen. Stg.	4,000	4,000		8,000,000.00
4.0	Rehabilitation, Repair, Upgrading of Penstock Pipe, Pen. Stg.	2,500	2,500		5,000,000.00
5.0	Rehabilitation, Repair, Upgrading of Penstock Pipe, Pen. Stg.			3,000	3,000,000.00
6.0	Rehabilitation, Repair, Upgrading of Penstock Pipe, Pen. Stg.	1,000	1,000	3,000	5,000,000.00
7.0	Rehabilitation, Repair, Upgrading of Penstock Pipe, Pen. Stg.	1,000	1,000	3,000	5,000,000.00
8.0	Rehabilitation, Repair, Upgrading of Penstock Pipe, Pen. Stg.	1,000	1,000	3,000	5,000,000.00
9.0	Rehabilitation, Repair, Upgrading of Penstock Pipe, Pen. Stg.	1,000	1,000	3,000	5,000,000.00
10.0	Rehabilitation, Repair, Upgrading of Penstock Pipe, Pen. Stg.	1,000	1,000	3,000	5,000,000.00

Bid documents shall be issued to qualified bidders upon payment of non-refundable amount (VAT) that will be made available on September 3-7, 2012. Pre-bid Conference will be on September 10, 2012, 10:00 AM, and bid opening will be on September 14, 2012, 10:00AM at the PALECO Main Office, Barangay Tiniguiban, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

The PALECO Bids and Awards Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and annul the bidding process and reject any bid at any time prior to awarding, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

(signed)
ATTY. ROMEO M. GARCIA
Chairman/Manager
(PBC-Aug. 31 & Sept. 3, 2012)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Science and Technology
ADVANCED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE
ASTI Bldg., Technology Park Complex, C.P. Garcia Ave., U.P. Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
Telefax: 9116 Bldg., Philippines
Tel. Nos. (632) 426-9181 to 85 Loc. 2201 Fax: (632) 426-9755

INVITATION TO APPOINT SUITABILITY AND TO BID

The Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI), Department of Science and Technology invites interested suppliers to apply for eligibility and to submit the following items:

Production of ASTI designed datalogger packaging & storage of ASTE

ASTC PAPT-005.2012-01 in sealed date - Sept. 04, 2012 @ 10:00 AM Bidding Date - Sept. 10, 2012 @ 10:00AM (PBAC-Holding Room) & Civil Works ASTC PAPT-005.2012-01-A sealed date - Sept. 04, 2012 @ 1:30PM Bidding date - Sept. 10, 2012 @ 10:30 AM

Eligibility documents, technical and financial proposals (2 copies each) in three envelopes must be submitted to the ASTI-BAC Secretariat, ASTI Bldg., C.P. Garcia Ave., U.P. Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines. A Bidding Conference schedule stated above. Location at ASTI Conference Room, Ground Floor, ASTI Bldg., C.P. Garcia Ave., U.P. Diliman, Quezon City, at the same date in the presence of the participating bidders.

For more information, please call the BAC Secretariat at Tel. no. 426-9181 to 85 Loc. 2201 and you may look for Mr. Danny Magno or Ms. Lani Jose.

ASTI-BAC reserves the right to waive any formality or irregularity in the eligibility requirements in this invitation. ASTI-BAC further reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or portion of items of bidding, in full, award the contract, and make any decision that contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) ENGR. MENDOZA
Chairman

(PBC-Aug. 31, 2012)

DAET WATER SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Daet, Vinzons, Bohol
Telefax: (038) 518-0886
NON VAT REG. TIN: 004-018-197-000

THE DAET WATER SERVICE COOPERATIVE (DAWASCO) OF DAET, BOHOL IS SOLICITING PROPOSALS FOR A FILTRATION SYSTEM (FOR SURFACE WATER) TO BE INSTALLED/ERECTED IN DAET SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

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2. Must the prescribe parameters required by PNSDW for water quality.
3. Low operating & maintenance cost.
4. Spare parts available locally.
5. Proposed Unit Price/Bid Price including estimate and time frame.
6. PhCs quoted should be FOB Municipality of Daet, Bohol.
7. Proven track record.

All proposals shall be kept strictly confidential.

Interested parties may submit their proposals on or before September 12, 2012 to:

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gracefully joined his Creator on September 1, 2012 at the age of 69.

His loving wife CLAIRE; Children David & Manga, Jomar, Clarisa and Mark; Grandchild Lucas Javier, Mother Salvacion; Brothers Salvador Jr. and Leonardo; Sisters Digna and Catalina; in-laws, other relatives and friends request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the Monumento Chapel, Loyola Memorial Chapels, Sucat.

Interment details to be announced later.

"God be with you on your journey home. We will miss you dearly."

Our Dearly Beloved Mommy

TITA Cabangis ALIGADA

Gracefully joined our Lord on August 31, 2012

Her husband Eddie Aligada and children Ronnie and Melody; Lakeng and Dario and Jet and Winkie, together with her grandchildren request for prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Luna Chapel, La Funeraria Paz at Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque.

Interment will be on Thursday, September 6, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
INVITATION TO BID

Name of the Project	Security Services for the Department of Trade and Industry and its Attached Agencies
Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	₱27,115,200, inclusive of the final payment of expenses
Contract Duration	Twenty (20) months (January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014)

Bidders should have completed, within Five (5) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding will be conducted in accordance with relevant procedures for open competitive bidding as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act", with some amendments, as contained in the Bidding Documents. Interested bidders from eligible source countries (or defined in the applicable procurement guidelines of the World Bank). The contract shall be awarded to the lowest calculated Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during post-qualification. The Estimated Project Cost (EPC) is Two Million Eight Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Philippine Pesos (PHP2,896,000.00).

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of the Invitation to Bid	Starting 10 September 2012 (8:00 A.M.) (DTI Trade and Industry Bldg., EDSA cor. Ortigas Ave., Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila; Tel. No. (+632) 751-3007 local no. (+632) 890-3518)
2. Pre-bid Conference	17 September 2012, 10:30 A.M. at the Ground Conference Room (DTI Trade and Industry Building, EDSA cor. Ortigas Ave., Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila)
3. Submission & Opening of Bids	27 September 2012, 9:00 A.M. for Submission and 9:01 A.M. for Opening of Bids, at the same venue of the Pre-bid Conference

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, or cooperatives with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA 5183 and subject to Commonwealth Act 138.

Prospective bidders may purchase the bidding documents from the address above upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the amount Forty Three Thousand Pesos (₱43,000.00).

Prices shall be submitted in Philippine Peso. For the benefit of the Filipino Government Employees, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and the Philippine Forest Corporation, a preference shall be given only to the domestic bidder in the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

The DTI reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

For further information, please refer to:

Noel P. Kalaw-Ibasco
Vice-Chairperson, DTI-BAC and Alternate Chairperson
Department of Trade and Industry
3/F Trade and Industry Building
361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
Telephone No. 751-3007 local 2001 / 890-3518
Telefax No. 751-3007 local 2001 / 890-3518
E-mail Address: noelkalaw@dti.gov.ph

(Sgd.) ZENAIDA C. MAGLAYA
(Authorized Signature)
Chairperson, DTI-Bids and Awards Committee

DTI-BAC-Ltr-Adv-2012

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue
Pasig City, Philippines

DepED

INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Education through its BAC on Disposal invites interested bidders/buyers for various scrap equipment, furniture and waste materials on "as is where is" basis.

Minimum Bid: Php 214,813.80

Schedule of Activities:

Issuance of Instruction to Bidders	Sept. 6, 2012
Inspection of goods by the Participating Bidders	Sept. 6-7, 2012
Pre-Bid Conference	Sept. 10, 2012
Submission and Opening of Bids	Sept. 14, 2012

The Instruction to Bidders can be secured from the BAC on Disposal Secretariat c/o Property Division, Ground Floor, Teodora Alonzo Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

The Department of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reasons, waive formality and informality and/or defects in the bids received and to make an award to the bidder/buyer whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

The Department of Education assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or loss that they may incur in the preparation of their bid nor does Department of Education guarantee that an award will be made.

For inquiry, please call the BAC on Disposal Secretariat at telephone number 633-7217/639-3662.

(Sgd.) FRANCISCO M. VARELA
Office of the Undersecretary
For Finance and Administration
Chairman, BAC on Disposal

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
CENTRAL OFFICE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID
Procurement of Information and Communications Technology Equipment for DOH-ASBHN – Package II

1. The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a Grant from the European Commission being administered by the World Bank towards the cost of Health Sector Reform Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Grant to payments under this contract for Procurement of Information and Communications Technology Equipment for DOH-ASBHN – Package II.
2. The Department of Health (DOH) now invites bids for Procurement of Information and Communications Technology Equipment for DOH-ASBHN Package II. Delivery of the Goods is required within thirty (30) days upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed (NTP). Bidders should have completed, within three (3) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.
3. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with relevant procedures for open competitive bidding as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act", with some amendments, as contained in the Bidding Documents. Interested bidders from eligible source countries (or defined in the applicable procurement guidelines of the World Bank). The contract shall be awarded to the lowest calculated Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during post-qualification. The Estimated Project Cost (EPC) is Two Million Eight Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Philippine Pesos (PHP2,896,000.00).

Lot No.	No. of Items	DESCRIPTION	EPC (PHP)
1	1	IT Equipment	1,040,000.00
2	1	Multimedia Equipment and Peripheral	913,500.00
3	1	Safety Check Equipment	334,800.00

4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from COMAC Secretariat at the Ground Floor Bldg. 6, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given above during 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders on **September 03-October 2, 2012** from the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of Php1,000.00.

   It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.
6. The DOH will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **September 18, 2012 at 10:00a.m.** at COMAC Conference Room at the Ground Floor Bldg. 6, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila which shall be open to all interested parties.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address above on or before **October 2, 2012, 10:00a.m.**

   All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the following amounts and forms:

Lot No.	No. of Items	Form of Bid pursuant to par. 3(a) Cash/Cashier's/Manager's Check Bank Guarantee/Letter of Credit issued by DTI or Surety Bond	Form of Bid pursuant to par. 3(b) Surety Bond issued by DTI or GSIS Bid (PHP)
1	1	40,800.00	102,000.00
2	1	36,540.00	91,350.00
3	1	13,392.00	33,480.00
		90,732.00	226,830.00

   Bid opening shall be on **October 2, 2012, 10:00a.m.** at COMAC Conference Room at the Ground Floor, Bldg. 6, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who chooses to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.
8. The DOH reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
9. For further information, please refer to:

   COMAC Secretariat
   Department of Health
   San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue
   Sta. Cruz, Manila
   Tel. Nos. 651-7800 local 1800 / 1806 or 62
   Facsimile No.: 741-9779

   (Sgd.) [illegible]
   Undersecretary of Health
   COMAC Chairperson

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

MA. THERESA ESPAÑOLA

The above-mentioned person has been terminated for cause and is no longer connected with Ruston Coffee Corporation. A criminal case has been filed against her entitled People of the Philippines vs. Ma. Theresa Española, et al., for Estafa, under the Regional Trial Court of Makati, Branch 59.

A Warrant of Arrest has been issued by the said trial court against the above-mentioned person.

Any information about her and her whereabouts can be relayed at (02) 953-2768 and (02) 896-2750.

(RD – Sept. 2, 2012)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

MA. PRECIOUSA PACASUM

The above-mentioned person has been terminated for cause and is no longer connected with Ruston Coffee Corporation. A criminal case has been filed against her entitled People of the Philippines vs. Ma. Preciousa Pacasum, et al., for Estafa, under the Regional Trial Court of Pasay City, Branch 108.

A Warrant of Arrest has been issued by the said trial court against the above-mentioned person.

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World Health Organization
Western Pacific Region

CALL FOR PROPOSAL

The Office of the WHO Representative in the Philippines is looking for individuals, organizations or institutions to undertake the **Development of Advocacy and Communication Materials on Hospital TB DOTS Initiative**.
(Agreement for Performance of Work)

Terms of Reference: In collaboration with the National TB Control Program (NTP) of the Department of Health (DOH) and WHO country office:

1. to determine the knowledge, attitude, practices and perceptions of TB patients and potential users in the hospitals;
2. to identify the needs of the hospital TB team to effectively counsel TB patients who will be referred to other DOTS facilities;
3. to develop advocacy/education materials that will motivate referred TB patients to go to the DOTS facility and inform referring hospitals of the outcome of referral; and
4. to develop advocacy materials that will counteract donation malpractices in treatment and support the hospital TB DOTS.

Scope of Work: Under the supervision of the staff of the DOH TB, Office of the WHO Representative and the Advocacy Communication Unit (ACU), Department of Health, the TA provider will conduct the activities listed below:

Objectives	Activities
1. To determine the knowledge, attitude, practices and perceptions of TB patients and/or in the hospitals	a. Develop a data collection tool
	b. Conduct in-depth assessment of the TB patients and hospital TB team members
2. To identify the needs of the hospital TB team to effectively counsel TB patients who will be referred to other DOTS facility	c. Analyze the results of the in-depth assessment
	d. Discuss findings and recommendations with the stakeholders
3. To develop communication materials that will motivate referred TB patients to go to the DOTS facility and inform referring hospitals of the outcome of referral	e. Refining the results
	a. Do an inventory of existing related TB communication materials
	b. Develop a design appropriate communication materials for the hospital patients' TB patients. The key message is not limited to four
	c. Develop an set for hospital TB team based on the data assessment
	d. Pretest and finalize communication materials
	e. Prepare camera-ready artwork/materials
	f. Produce the communication materials
4. To develop advocacy materials on hospital DOTS	a. Map out issues that may hinder patients in the implementation of hospital TB DOTS
	b. Interview selected hospital staff and stakeholders on their experiences on hospital TB DOTS
	c. Develop/produce information materials for the decision-makers and hospital staff and discuss with DOH, WHO and other stakeholders
	d. Draft the advocacy materials and get input
	e. Finalize the advocacy materials
	f. Conduct the orientation or how to use the advocacy materials

Qualifications:
- should be able to mobilize, organize and supervise a team that will be composed of staff who will implement the CSD. The team may include at least a CSD communication specialist, an Director (1 staff), an production assistant and an graphic artist. The team members should possess appropriate educational and training background on advocacy and communication;
- with at least three years experience in providing technical assistance on the development, production and evaluation of advocacy and communication activities. Experience on health will be an advantage;
- has demonstrated good working relationship with clients; and
- financial capacity for cost reimbursable activities and minimum change on administrative cost.

Contract Duration: 11 months

Start date: 24 September 2012

Please indicate dispensation to qualified parties who might be interested shortly submit your expressions of interest and proposal to be considered for the project with supplemental profile on or before 10 September 2012 to Dr Fernando Montano at montanof@wpro.who.int and Ms Madeleine Chenoll at chenollm@wpro.who.int. Please use the project title as the subject of the email.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Regional Office No. NCR
[illegible]

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT (AEP)

Notice is hereby given that the following [illegible] has filed with this Regional Office applications for Alien Employment Permit(s):

	Name and Address of Company/ Employer	Name and Citizenship of Foreign National	Position and Brief Description of Functions
1.	MUATECH MANUFACTURING PHILS., INC. [illegible]	Mr. Jongseok Kim/ Korean	Administrative Manager
2.	GEOVIT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MANILA INC. [illegible]	Ms. Rebecca Elizabeth Ford/ American	Lower School Teacher
3.	HARMONY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC. [illegible]	Mr. Hyungkwan Kim/ Korean	Supervisor
4.	OPTIMUM MANUFACTURING PHILIPPINES, INC. [illegible]	Mr. Kwan Seok Lee/ Korean	Engineer/ Engineering Manager
5.	[illegible]	Mr. Masatoshi Mori/ Japanese	CNC Machine Manager
6.	[illegible]	Mr. Anjing Cheng/ Chinese	Welding Technician Advisor
7.	[illegible]	Mr. Hong Mo/ Chinese	Welding Technician Advisor
8.	[illegible]	Mr. Kunio Ikuta/ Japanese	Advanced engineer

If you have any information/opinion in the above-mentioned applications please communicate with this Regional Director.

ALEX A. AVILA
DOLE Regional Director

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

JACKLYN DOMINGO **MARYN CAPESTRANO**

This is to inform the public that the above persons **JACKLYN DOMINGO** (fault staff) and **MARYN CAPESTRANO** (Accounting staff) are no longer connected to G.M. MANINGAS, CONSTRUCTION, INC., effective June 30, 2012. Presently, MARYN CAPESTRANO is facing a criminal complaint for QUALIFIED THEFT at the Office of the City Prosecutor of Mandaluyong.

Any transaction entered into by these persons after the said date will not be honored by the company.

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- Inspection by appointment
- Send inquiries to: fifteenhectares@yahoo.com

NOTICE OF LOSS

I, Reynaldo S. Calpo, Filipino, of legal age, residing at Unit 128, Tower B, Kingswood Condominium, 285 Pres Cruz Extension, Brgy. La Paz, Makati City, wishes to announce the loss of my Certificate of Membership No. 4345 at the Philippine Columbian Association located at Plaza Otilio, Paco, Manila.

This publication notice is intended to bring the incident to public knowledge in order for me to request the Philippine Columbian Association to issue a new Membership Certificate in lieu of the lost one.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

INVITATION TO BID

PROCUREMENT OF COMMON SERVICE FACILITIES UNDER THE ARCCESS PROJECT

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) launched its Agrarian Reform Community Connectivity and Economic Support Services (ARCCESS) project, to provide economies and other benefits of scale and improve farm productivity and income for Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) and other farmers in Agrarian Reform areas. DAR will procure Common Service Facilities (CSF) comprising of farm equipment, machinery and implements for the use of registered organizations of ARBs in production and productivity enhancing and revenue-generating means. In addition, professional service providers will be tapped to provide agri-extension services and business development services to ARB organizations.

The DAR, in line its continuing appropriation under the General Appropriations Act of 2021, intends to apply the amount of **PHILIPPINE PESOS EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY NINE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED ONLY (Php 839,881,700.00)** for the procurement of the common service facilities to be delivered to designated delivery sites.

The DAR now invites qualified manufacturers, suppliers, and dealers for the procurement of the following facilities:

PACKAGE 1 - RICE

LOT NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	APPROVED BUDGET OF THE CONTRACT (Php)
Lot 1.1	4WD, 80HP tractor with implements	18	12,525,000.00
Lot 1.2	4WD, 50HP tractor with implements	6	3,150,000.00
Lot 1.3	Hand Tractor with implements	268	58,151,000.00
Lot 1.4	Trishaw	180	49,500,000.00
Lot 1.5	Rubber Sets of Mechanical Transplanters:		
(a)	2 units Mechanical Transplanter bundled with 1 unit seed conveyor and fertilizer applicator	29	9,657,000.00
(b)	1 unit Mechanical Transplanter bundled with 1 unit seed conveyor and IEM, 20 pax rice trainer	10	
Lot 1.6	Combine Harvester - Lower and South Tagalog, including Palawan & Mindoro	25	40,000,000.00
Lot 1.7	Combine Harvester - Ilocos, Cagayan Valley	25	40,000,000.00
Lot 1.8	Reaping Trike	60	2,340,000.00
Lot 1.9	Flat Bed Truck	25	14,000,000.00
Lot 1.10	Hauling Truck, 6.5cbm - Lower, MIMAROPA and Palawan	29	50,460,000.00
Lot 1.11	Hauling Truck, 4cbm - Visayas and Mindanao	78	135,720,000.00
Lot 1.12	Fabrication Power Drier	15	6,750,000.00
Lot 1.13	Reaper	60	6,600,000.00
Lot 1.14	Shredder	25	3,000,000.00
Lot 1.15	Fertilizer Mud Production Equipment:		
(a)	Power Trowel	25	6,825,000.00
(b)	Pulverizer Granulator	150	
(c)	Power sprayer	150	
(d)	Moisture Meter	5	
(e)	Analyzer	2	
(f)	Rotary Tray Dryer	25	
(g)	Drum mixer	10	
(h)	Drum cutter	8	

PACKAGE 2 - ABACA

LOT NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	APPROVED BUDGET OF THE CONTRACT (Php)
Lot 2.1	Hauling Truck, 6 tonner	4	6,960,000.00
Lot 2.2	FBH 6 Hook	4	960,000.00
Lot 2.3	Various Abaca Production Equipment:		
(a)	- Twisting and Reeling machine	6	1,245,000.00
(b)	- Spindle stripping machine	6	
(c)	- Decortication reeling machine	6	
(d)	- Weighing scale	6	
(e)	- Stripping knife	6	

PACKAGE 3 - CARABAO

LOT NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	APPROVED BUDGET OF THE CONTRACT (Php)
Lot 3.1	Hauling Truck, 6 tonner	6	10,440,000.00
Lot 3.2	4WD Tractor 45 hp with implements	11	3,135,000.00
Lot 3.3	Harrow Disc	6	1,020,000.00
Lot 3.4	Various Livestock Production Equipment:		
(a)	- Chopper	12	1,134,000.00
(b)	- Granulator	12	
(c)	- Grass Cutter	6	
(d)	- Multiple Mixer	6	
(e)	- Weighing Scale	2	

PACKAGE 4 - COCONUT

LOT NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	APPROVED BUDGET OF THE CONTRACT (Php)
Lot 4.1	Hauling truck, 6 tonner	13	22,620,000.00
Lot 4.2	Coconut Husk Decorticating Machine (with conveyor & fiber extractor)	8	15,600,000.00
Lot 4.3	Fiber Dryer	7	6,720,000.00
Lot 4.4	Mechanical Threshing and Cutting machine	8	1,440,000.00
Lot 4.5	Coir Bristle Fiber Cleaner	5	675,000.00
Lot 4.6	Baling Machine	5	1,500,000.00
Lot 4.7	Various Coconut Production Equipment:		
(a)	- Mechanical Husking machine	10	609,000.00
(b)	- Shredding Knife	5	
(c)	- Weighing Scale	5	
(d)	- Moisture Meter	5	

PACKAGE 5 - COFFEE and CACAO

LOT NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	APPROVED BUDGET OF THE CONTRACT (Php)
Lot 5.1	Hauling truck, 6 tonner	2	3,480,000.00
Lot 5.2	4WD Tractor 45 hp	3	1,845,000.00
Lot 5.3	Various Coffee and Cacao Production Equipment:		
(a)	- Moisture meter	15	4,245,000.00
(b)	- Roller	15	
(c)	- Rice mill	4	
(d)	- Moisture Meter	15	
(e)	- Power Sprayer	4	
(f)	- Shredder	5	
(g)	- Grass Cutter	5	
(h)	- Mechanical Dryer	3	
Lot 5.4	Flat Bed Truck	14	8,540,000.00
Lot 5.5	Floatation Tank	5	750,000.00
Lot 5.6	Fermentation Tank	30	4,200,000.00

PACKAGE 6 - CORN

LOT NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	APPROVED BUDGET OF THE CONTRACT (Php)
Lot 6.1	4WD Tractor 50hp with implements	17	12,240,000.00
Lot 6.2	Hauling truck, 6 tonner	11	19,140,000.00
Lot 6.3	Flat Bed Truck	28	17,500,000.00
Lot 6.4	Various Corn Production Equipment:		
(a)	- Sheller	6	2,997,000.00
(b)	- Sheller	30	
(c)	- Hammer Mills	6	
(d)	- Weighing Scale	6	
(e)	- Knapsack Sprayer	60	
(f)	- Power Sprayer	6	

PACKAGE 7 - DAIRY and FRUITS

LOT NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	APPROVED BUDGET OF THE CONTRACT (Php)
Lot 7.1	Refrigerator	2	4,200,000.00
Lot 7.2	Mechanical Dryer (Lychee)	6	3,240,000.00
Lot 7.3	4WD Tractor 45 hp with implements	2	1,080,000.00
Lot 7.4	Hauling truck 6 tonner	3	5,220,000.00
Lot 7.5	Various Fruits Production Equipment:		
(a)	- Chopper	2	465,000.00
(b)	- Mechanical Mixer	2	
(c)	- Weighing Scale	4	

PACKAGE 8 - PALM OIL and RUBBER

LOT NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	APPROVED BUDGET OF THE CONTRACT (Php)
Lot 8.1	Hauling truck, 6 tonner	2	3,480,000.00
Lot 8.2	Hydraulic Excavator	1	2,000,000.00

PACKAGE 9 - SUGARCANE

LOT NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	APPROVED BUDGET OF THE CONTRACT (Php)
Lot 9.1	4WD Tractor 80hp with 4 implements plus trailer - Luzon	76	57,000,000.00
Lot 9.2	4WD Tractor 80hp with 3 implements plus trailer - Visayas	35	26,250,000.00
Lot 9.3	4WD Tractor 80hp with 3 implements plus trailer - Negros Occ.	32	24,000,000.00
Lot 9.4	4WD Tractor 80hp with 3 implements plus trailer - Mindanao	31	23,250,000.00
Lot 9.5	4WD Tractor 80hp with 3 implements plus trailer - Miscellaneous	3	2,250,000.00
Lot 9.6	Dump truck 10 tonner	4	10,960,000.00

PACKAGE 10 - VEGETABLE

LOT NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	APPROVED BUDGET OF THE CONTRACT (Php)
Lot 10.1	Hauling truck, 6 tonner	28	48,720,000.00
Lot 10.2	Power Tiller/Cultivator	447	26,820,000.00
Lot 10.3	Shredder	54	8,100,000.00
Lot 10.4	Various Vegetable Production Equipment:		
(a)	- Water Pump	300	8,850,000.00
(b)	- Generator Set	50	
(c)	- Power Sprayer	450	
(d)	- Knapsack Sprayer	450	
Lot 10.5	4 units 50 HP Tractor with implements	4	5,000,000.00

1. This procurement shall be done through Competitive Bidding procedures using **Non-Discretionary "Yes/No" Criteria** as specified in the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR-A) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act.

2. Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens, sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations or joint ventures with at least sixty percent (60%) interest in outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and/or entities or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to the Code and subject to terms and conditions set out herein. Bidder must completed within two (2) years from the date of submission of bids, contract similar to the Project, with a single contract of at least fifty (50) % of the ABC to the bid. The description of an eligible bidders is provided in the bidding documents, particularly in General Instructions to Bidders.

3. A complete set of bidding documents is available to interested bidders starting **16 August 2021(Monday)** for a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) per package. Bidders shall pay the cost of bidding documents prior to the procurement of submission of bids via bank to DAR Cash Account No. 01-001-01-3002-8 and submit its participation to the bidding of the bid with the bond. Bidding documents for the same may be purchased.

Bidding documents may also be downloaded from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (**www.philgeps.gov.ph**) and the website of DAR (**www.dar.gov.ph**). Those who will download the bidding documents from the website shall pay the non-refundable fee upon submission of their bids.

4. **Bidders who wish to bid for several packages are required only to submit one set of eligibility documents. As the Financial Envelopes must be submitted separately, the composition of the bid (Financial Envelope Capacity (FEC)) must reflect all the lots to be participated in by the bidder. In the technical documents to be submitted, the list of similar contracts must reflect all the lots to be participated in by the bidder.**

5. Bidders may bid per lot/package. Bidders may not bid for less than one (1) lot/package.

6. For equipment related to the AMPEP at DAR Ilocos Region, prospective bidders are required to submit the original certificate of the bid security as part of their bid documents. All hauling and dump trucks bid must be conducted by the Vehicle Research and Testing Laboratory (VRTL) of the Department of Mechanical Engineering of the UP Diliman, Quezon City.

7. Delivery of the Goods to designated Bidder's Site, as specified in the Schedule of Requirements in the bidding documents, is required not later than ninety or one hundred twenty (90 or 120) days, as indicated in the Schedule of Requirements, after bidder's receipt of the Notice to Proceed (NTP).

8. The DAR-BAC will hold **Pre-Bid Conferences** at the **DAR Quad Room**, 4/F DAR Main Building, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City on **Thursday, September 9, 2021 (Packages 1, 2, 3, and 4), and Friday, September 7, 2021 (Packages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10)** following the agenda below. This is open to all prospective bidders; however, only those who paid the non-refundable fee for the pre-bid conference shall be allowed to participate in the conference. A maximum of three (3) representatives from each prospective bidder will be allowed due to space limitation.

	TIME
Pre-bid Conference on Bidding Requirements	9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Pre-Bid Conference on Technical Specifications	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

9. Bids must be delivered to the BAC Secretariat **before 9:00 am at the following dates:**

September 23, 2021	Package 1
September 20, 2021	Packages 2, 3, 4 and 5
September 21, 2021	Packages 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10

Bidders are still advised that bid documents before the scheduled day of the opening of bids may proceed to the BAC Secretariat, 6/F 6th floor, Rafael Building, Diliman, Quezon City. Bidders who will submit their bid documents on the date of the opening of bids must attend their submission at the **DARPO Conference Room**, Rafael Building, DAR Central Office, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, **LATE BIDS/BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.

10. **Opening of Bids** shall be conducted starting 9:30AM at the **DAR Conference Room**. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representative. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall automatically be rejected.

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11. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.

12. The DAR shall award contracts to bidders whose bids have been determined to be the lowest Calculated Responsive Bids.

13. The DAR reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

14. Interested bidders may obtain clarification from the BAC Secretariat through **Marvin Pilotin S. Ang** at the Office of BAC Secretariat, 6/F DAR Rafael Bldg. DAR Central Office Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City or mobile number 0915 810 0 or email address **marvinpilotin@gmail.com**

Approved:

Engr. FELIX PERRY B. VILLANUEVA
Assistant Secretary and BAC Chair

JPD, September 1, 2021

TTC TravelMart Philippines, A Huge Success

THE LARGEST INDEPENDENT B2B Travel exposition, the 2012 TTC TravelMart Philippines, was held on 28 August 2012 in Dusit Thani Hotel, Manila and 30 August 2012 in Radisson Blu Hotel, Cebu City. More than 80 travel operators from around the world offered their packages and services right at the doorstep of our local tour operators. The event is expected to impact on the burgeoning tourism industry of the country.

Major Sponsors of the event were Cebu Pacific Air, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), Tourism Authority of Thailand, Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau and Hannah's Beach Resort. Convention Center Philippines. The media partners of the event were Philippine Daily Inquirer, Pinoy Box Deals, TEA Job Market and Foreign Post Newspaper. Other Sponsors were Dusit Thani Hotel Manila, Korea Tourism Organization, Magallo Travel & Tours, Shangri-la, Radisson Blu Hotel, Singapore Tourism Board, SL Travel Ltd., Sanchez Travellers, Inc. and Thai Airways.

The founder of TTC Travel Mart International, Mr. Tedje Idenburg

Mr. Theppitak Poolsawas (bottom left), TTC Philippines Director with officers from Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) and Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB). TAT & TCEB hosted the Buyers & Sellers Night in Manila.

Friends from Philippine Gaming and Amusement Corporation (PAGCOR). PAGCOR at Waterfront Hotel Cebu hosted the Buyers & Sellers Night in Cebu.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is given notice that **ROLAN T. ESPINOSA** whose photograph appears above is no longer connected with Allmayor Land Inc. or any other Allmayor company.

A warrant of arrest for the crime of qualified theft and a Hold Departure Order have been issued against her by the Regional Trial Court, 3rd Sun City, Branch 100 in Criminal Case No. 345645.

Any information about her and her whereabouts can be relayed to TOMAS SC. 181 and will be treated with utmost confidence.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Be it known that the Property Supervisor **ELDIE AGULTO VILLACERAN**, whose photograph appears above, is no longer authorized to transact on behalf of International Veterinary & Agricultural (Phil), Inc.

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